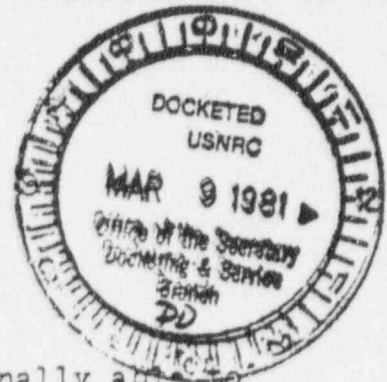


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Atomic Safety & Licensing Board
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555



Dear Chairman Ivan Smith,

This letter will be concise for I am not emotionally able to handle the quandary the nuclear industry has created. There are no drugs or psychological treatments to alleviate the turmoil within me. I can not comprehend how people can put money and their desire for electrical luxuries before the safety of children.

I am convinced that the operators of TMI have not obtained enough knowledge of nuclear power to be able to control it and therefore I oppose the restart of Three Mile Island. No one in their right mind would give gasoline to a child because he does not know how to control it, yet we grown-ups toy with a power we can not control that is far more explosive.

To those stockholder's who are appealing for their dividends, I would like to send a picture representative of all the children living in the shadow of the nuclear plant. These children with their angelic faces are our very best natural resource. I can not conceive of endangering them even minutely.

We can not rely on evacuation plans, because they assume people trying to escape an invisible annihilator would remain calm and orderly. I pray that this is true for it is our only hope.

I do advocate a speedy clean-up of TMI, as fast as safety allows.

To repeat, I can not handle this. I see a danger to my child which I can not protect her from. I send her to school and wonder if she will return safe or be stranded from us in the case of a nuclear blunder. I sympathize with the stockholders, but I am not inclined to jeopardize future generations for the sake of money. (Money is a man-made commodity which should not destroy man. It is a piece of paper. The idea is ludicrous.)

Since I can not control this aspect of our lives, I am surrogating the future of my two children and that of their peers to you. It is one hell of a responsibility to dump in your lap, but as you make your decisions you are determining the destiny of our children. I will pray for all those involved in the nuclear debate that they will make the right decision for all mankind. I honestly believe given a choice between sacrificing for the environment as it now exists with its children and its radiance --- or profit and dividends, the PEOPLE'S CHOICE is " America, the beautiful".

Sincerely,

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