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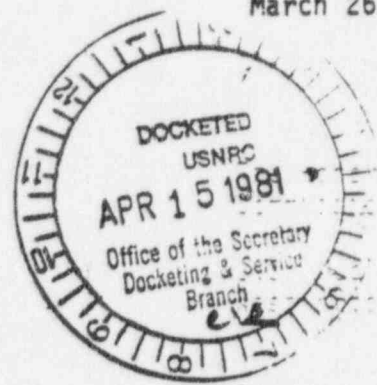
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The Honorable Joseph M. Hendrie
Commissioner

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Chairman Hendrie:

Enclosed you will find copies of a letter written to Ivan W. Smith, Chairman, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, and his reply to Ms. Susan Shetrom, Project Director, TMI Public Interest Resource Center. We believe that sufficient time has elapsed and that a decision should have been reached, yet we have heard nothing further from Chairman Smith. We have requested that several evening sessions for limited appearance statements be scheduled between now and April 30, 1981.

The Commission's Order and Notice of Hearing of August 9, 1979, states "The board should hold its sessions in the vicinity of the facility and it should attempt to schedule some if its sessions in the evening or on weekends to permit the maximum possible public attendance". In view of the Commission's foresight in encouraging that the public be given opportunities to participate in the hearings, we are requesting your assistance.

We would appreciate a reply by April 3.

Sincerely,

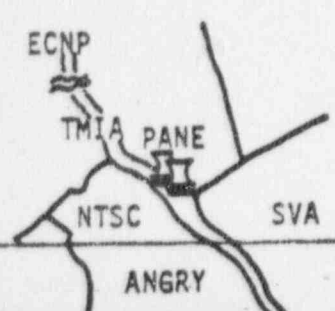
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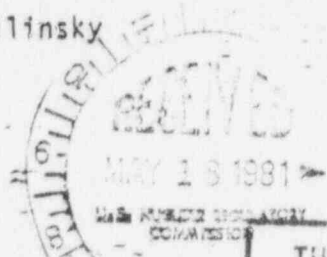
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March 10, 1981

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Dear Mr. Smith:

Dear Mr. Smith:

It is our understanding that the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission does not plan to schedule further public limited appearance statement sessions regarding the proposed restart of Three Mile Island Unit 1. We also understand that in order for concerned citizens to make statements regarding the issue, it will be necessary for them to make daytime appointments.

As you are aware, the public was informed on March 5, 1981, that a second session would be held on March 11. Because of that news release and the very bad weather, many people chose not to attend the March 5 session, planning instead to attend the March 11 session.

The arrangements which you have outlined will make it impossible for many people to make statements because of employment requirements. In effect, the present position of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will eliminate public input and curtail constitutional rights. Even a murderer is entitled to counsel - yet area residents are being barred from even the opportunity to express their views on an issue that will have a major impact on their lives.

The Three Mile Island Public Interest Resource Center requests that additional evening sessions be scheduled to accommodate people who were not permitted to speak on March 5, either because of time restrictions or misinformation regarding further sessions. We also request that those sessions be scheduled between now and April 30, 1981.

A reply by March 20 would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Susan Shetrom

Susan Shetrom, Project Director

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