



UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 79

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TO: All NRC Employees

SUBJECT: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE THREE MILE ISLAND ACCIDENT

The charter for the NRC's Special Inquiry into the Three Mile Island accident calls for a definitive broad-based investigation. While much information is available, I would like to ask your assistance in two areas for which information is not available in established files.

1. Conflicting Statements

The Special Inquiry must be aware of instances of conflicting statements or testimony, especially as regarding factual matters. Otherwise, the potential for error in the report is greatly increased. If you discover statements or testimony that conflict with your own or your understanding of others' statements, I ask that you send a note identifying the relevant statements to me at mail stop AR-400.

2. Licensing and Regulatory History

One element of the Special Inquiry is a review of the licensing, operational, and regulatory history of the TMI plant as well as other B&W plants of similar design. Official licensing docket files as well as other relevant information previously disclosed to the public is, of course, available to us. However, there is a possibility that persons who were involved in the licensing and regulatory review of these plants may have other pertinent information. I request all persons who have such information to inform William Parler, Task Leader for the Review of Licensing and Regulatory History, Room AR-417, 492-8950.

Your cooperation in supplying this information is needed and appreciated. Without your continuing assistance, the Special Inquiry staff cannot possibly produce a report up to the established expectations.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard C. DeYoung".

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