



**UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 53**

**DATE:** May 14, 1979

**TO:** All NRC Employees

**SUBJECT:** STAFF EFFORTS IN RESPONSE TO THREE MILE ISLAND  
ACCIDENT

Before we get deeper into the aftermath of the Three Mile Island accident and the lessons learned, my fellow Commissioners and I want to commend the staff for its selfless efforts in response to this event.

NRC staff, not only at the site and Emergency Operations Center, worked tirelessly to bring the accident to the safest possible resolution. People from many offices not directly involved in technical deliberations contributed invaluable support.

In short, the entire staff responded to the accident in a manner that exemplifies your commitment to the mission of protecting the public health and safety. I want each of you to know that the Commission is proud of and deeply appreciates your dedicated public service.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Hendrie", is written over the typed name of the Chairman.

Joseph M. Hendrie  
Chairman