

Ohio EPA

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Mr. Joseph N. Hendrie, Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Hendrie:

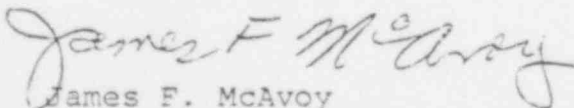
The recent events at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Reactor have caused great concern among all Americans regarding the safety of nuclear generating facilities. In Ohio, we have one such facility, Davis-Besse, currently in operation. To ensure the safe operation of this facility and others which may be constructed in Ohio and to provide for thorough monitoring and rapid notification, Governor James Rhodes has created a Task Force on Nuclear Plant Safety. In order to fully inform the Task Force in this area, I am requesting that you send us your comments on the following:

1. Your opinion as to the adequacy of Davis-Besse staff training, safety and emergency procedures and your opinion of Davis-Besse's design, especially where there are similarities to the design of Three Mile Island.
2. The system and procedures safety reviews you plan on conducting on Davis-Besse before it is put back into operation and on our two plants under construction in Ohio, i.e., Zimmer I and Perry I and II.

We request that this information be provided as quickly as possible. We would welcome a briefing on these matters by a key member of your staff.

Like you, we are concerned about the safety of Ohioans. This information, promptly provided, will help us to reassure them that appropriate steps are being taken to insure their safety.

Very truly yours,



James F. McAvoy
Director, Ohio EPA
and Chairman, Governor's Task Force
on Nuclear Plant Safety

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