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In the Matter of
Metropolitan Edison Company
(Three Mile Island Nuclear
Station Unit No. 1)

Docket No. 50-289
(Restart)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL PREHEARING CONFERENCE
AND OPPORTUNITY FOR LIMITED APPEARANCE STATEMENTS
PROTEST - FIVE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT

This is to protest the most recent notice (Oct. 3, 1979) for the Prehearing Conference limiting five minutes for limited appearances. This is not only another violation of the U.S. Constitution (freedom of speech and right to assembly) but a tactic to suppress to the world what has and is still occurring in the Three Mile Island vicinity.

During testimony before the NRC in Harrisburg for the licensing of Unit 2, the NRC ignored relevant testimony on safety and evacuation. I submit that history will repeat itself unless efforts are made to halt this blatant attempt by the NRC to write its own laws and rewrite the U.S. Constitution. When I personally testified before the NRC on Unit 2, I reported that York Co. had no viable evacuation plant. This testimony was completely ignored. Those who sat on the NRC panel never reacted nor were any questions asked^{ed} about evidence to substantiate the lack of evacuation plans.

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It has been brought to my attention that the NRC will not take any limited testimony seriously and that that testimony will be absolutely disregarded in the considerations for the reopening of TMI Unit 1.

Since March 28, 79, I have attended most every meeting where the NRC, Met Ed. and the GPU were in attendance. Time and again public officials and the press were given precedence over the public with unlimited time. In stark contrast the public is told "if you write down your questions and send them to us, we will send you the answer" or "would you ask me that after the meeting?" The public is constantly intimidated while Met Ed, the NRC and the GPU promote their public relations campaigns. First our right to Life, Liberty and Happiness are taken away; now our right to protest and freedom of speech are taken away with the five-minute time limit.

The preparing on Unit I at TMI may be an imposition to the NRC, however, that imposition is nothing compared to the suffering, uncertainty and the trauma experienced during evacuation. We also have the psychological impact to reconcile.

In a recent article on American anger, Dr. Samuel Janus, clinical asst. professor of psychiatry at New York Medical College said, "There are signs that people of all ages are seething inside" Dr. Marvin Zeporyn, Psychiatric Consultant to Illinois State Dept. of Correction said, "where people were once tense nervous and anxious, they're now filled with rage." "It is happening everywhere. People are reacting with anger to frustrations they once might have laughed off good-naturedly." Dr. Jackie Boles, Assoc. Professor of sociology at Georgia State University said, "Many people feel cheated and shortchanged by the very institutions that are supposed to protect their needs. The government, the oil industry, the power companies, medical and

other professions (conglomerates) have taken control of their lives and the public feel they are being victimized, not helped, by these groups." My sense of outrage runs deep and is centered directly on the government. My husband spent four years in the service of his country - I always believed that right and a sense of justice prevailed in this country but no more. I am a nonviolent person. I abhor the very thought of it but many do not feel as I do, they feel frustration and that the citizen has run out of options.

It's not the protesters who are violating the constitution it's the U.S. Government who is guilty of violating the health and well-being of its citizens.

This continued debasement of the U.S Constitution is done at our own peril.

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