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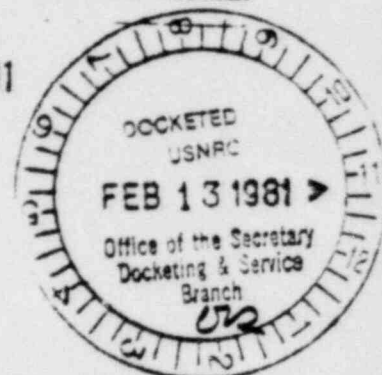
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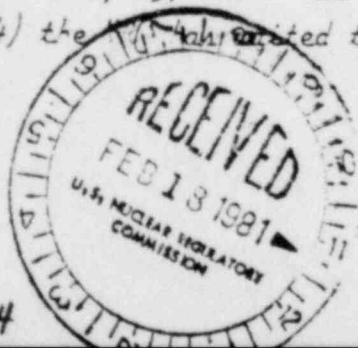
Dear Sir: Docket 50-289SP, TMS-Unit 1, Middletown PA

It has come to my attention, and I wish to call it to yours, that our government shut down, and has kept shut down, Three-Mile Island Unit 1, which was not involved in, nor damaged by, the accident that knocked out Unit 2 nearly two years ago.

Unit 1, I am told, is essentially like many other nuclear plants around the country, for all of which modifications were ordered after the accident. These plants continue to produce power, without creating problems, while the modifications are being made -- except for Three-Mile Island Unit 1, which remains shut down, producing no power, although modifications have been made. What is the logic of this situation?

It costs Metropolitan Edison and its customers \$500,000 a day extra to burn coal and oil instead of using uranium. Shutting down and keeping shut down a plant that has not been damaged and yet has been made safer than it was previously looks like discrimination to me. Isn't it another case of bureaucratic overkill? Or is it some kind of punishment? Worth noting is a poll taken last Spring that indicated 58 percent of the residents in cities near Three-Mile Island favored restarting the undamaged reactor.

With the USNRC holding hearings on restarting TMS-1, the members need to bear in mind that (1) nuclear power is safe, inexpensive, and needed; (2) TMS-1 is different from TMS-2; (3) TMS-1 has been modified and should be restarted without delay; and (4) the ~~USNRC~~ has waited too long already to resolve the fate of TMS-1.



Sincerely yours,

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