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Mr. John Ahearne, Chairman
 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Washington, D.C. 20555



Dear Mr. Ahearne:

I am dismayed having learned that there are plans to restart one unit of the crippled Three Mile Island reactor, before the other unit has been cleaned up and made safe. Your commission apparently has begun hearing into the feasibility of a restart of unit 1. I would have first restarting would be delayed until after those hearings have been completed. Too often, haste has caused situations that are regretful in retrospect. I hope the restart of Three Mile Island will not conform to the old adage, "haste makes waste".

Sincerely,

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