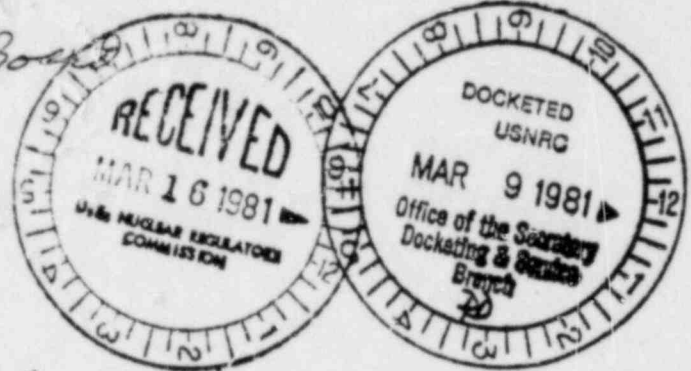


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Mr. Chairman

You people have hurt this area do to  
shut down of #1 Unit at Three Mile Island, you cause  
increase in cost of Elect. It should not have  
been shut down at all. It the safest way to  
generate Elect.

It should be started as soon as possible,

**VOLCANO IS VIOLATING  
FEDERAL REGS.** The radio-  
active release from Mount St.  
Helens was "many times more  
significant" than that from the



Mount St. Helens.

so-called "accident" at Three  
Mile Island (TMI), according to  
scientists at Battelle Pacific  
Northwest Laboratories of Rich-  
land, Washington, who estimate  
that up to 3 million curies of  
radon gas were released in the  
May 18, 1980 eruption. Accord-  
ing to "Energy Quarterly" (fall,  
1980), in comparison, a total of  
about 2.5 million curies of noble  
gases, mostly xenon, were re-  
leased over the course of the TMI  
incident. Both radon and xenon  
are noble gases—chemically and  
biologically inert. Radon, how-  
ever, decays to form a series of

Sincerely yours  
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