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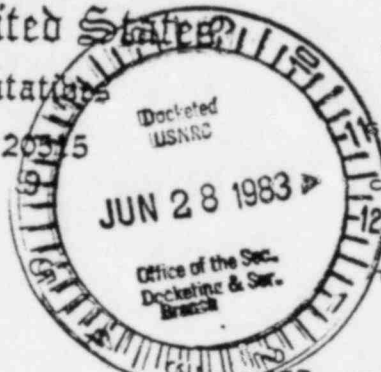


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Mr. Samuel Chilk
Secretary of the Commission
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-50, issued to Metropolitan Edison Company, Jersey Central Power and Light Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, and GPU Nuclear Corporation for the operation of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1, located in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

It is my understanding that, as published in the Federal Register (Vol. 48, No. 105, May 31, 1983, p. 24131), the amendment requested would revise the Technical Specifications to recognize steam generator tube repair techniques, other than plugging, provided such techniques are approved by the Commission.

Provisions in the NRC Authorization Act for FY '82-'83 resulted in a new procedure for issuing amendments to operating licenses for certain nuclear power reactors and testing facilities involving "no significant hazards consideration." These were published in the Federal Register on April 6, 1983, as you know, and apply to so-called "routine" license amendment requests.

As the Congressional Representative for the 19th District of Pennsylvania -- a locality directly affected by the accident and clean-up of TMI -- my experience has been that any event connected with potential "restart" of TMI Unit 1 is among the most emotionally charged issues facing the community. It is my opinion after four years of frustrations connected with TMI that this particular plant is far from "routine" in nature.

While the NRC technical staff might have determined that the kinetic steam generator tube repair techniques used at the facility pose "no significant hazards considerations," this matter is of utmost significance to those people living in the area, who need to be convinced that the repair techniques utilized there will in no way jeopardize their health or safety.

What is at stake in this situation is that the public -- my constituents -- perceive there to be a "significant hazards considerations" with regard to the steam generators. Without a public hearing and ample consultation with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the accompanying safety evaluation, the decision by the NRC to issue this amendment will always be questioned by those whose lives are impacted daily by incidents at TMI.

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This is occurring at a time when this same public has yet to be convinced about the integrity and management practices of the licensees -- and has come to mistrust both the management company and the NRC as the result of four years of ever surfacing problems and yet unanswered questions while their families live in fear of potential health problems and their property values decline.

The bottom line, really, in the case of a highly visible nuclear power plant like TMI, is that what constitutes a "significant" or a "not so significant" classification in the minds of those with the technical expertise to understand the working of such technology makes no difference to those living near the plant.

For these people, this issue is very significant, and I therefore am requesting that the NRC proceed to make a final determination and accordingly conduct a public hearing on this docket under the terms pursuant to P.L. 97-415.

Respectfully,

Bill

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Member of Congress

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