

1.2 Action Already Taken.

We would note that the Commission made no response to our motion until we highlighted the matter in an oral presentation before the Commission on August 15. At that time all Commissioners appeared to agree that the matter deserved the immediate attention of the Commission. The Chairman asked us to submit the names of individuals whom we would trust to validate the data. We were, therefore, surprised that the Commission acted, prior to our response, to choose the Center for Disease Control (CDC), as suggested by the NRC Staff, to conduct the validation. We are further surprised that the Commission has not responded to our memorandum of September 5, submitting the name of Dr. John Cobb, who is highly-qualified and available to conduct an expeditious validation of the data. The Commission has also not responded to a subsequent letter specifically requesting a reply because of accommodations Dr. Cobb planned to make in his schedule.

We have made every effort to cooperate with the NRC and EPA concerning this matter. We visited the EPA office in Middletown, PA in mid-July to request the results of soil sampling done in the areas of the health survey. We identified areas where residents had experienced severe health effects and accompanied NRC, EPA and DER representatives to their residences on August 30, 1984. We provided the Commission with a report of this field study on September 5. We were distressed that the subsequent report by the Staff, dated September 12, did not include the significant information concerning the detection of alpha radiation along the entire course of a wooden porch railing, and, we understand that the NRC has decided to not pursue the source of this radiation. This failure to investigate is incredible in light of the fact that on March 30, 1979 the resident experienced what can only be