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Mr. William Dircks
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Dear Mr. Dircks:

This is in response to your May 10, 1984 letter.

Although steam generators were not discussed during the January 30-31, 1984 on-site inspection, while standing inside the containment building and under the steam generators an NRC inspector asked GPU, "What is it?" - pointing to the steam generator. How much confidence can we, the people, have in NRC inspections and inspectors when they can't recognize a steam generator when they see one! It doesn't matter how many hours the NRC spends at this or any plant if they don't do competent, intelligent and thorough inspections. What value can that inspection have had, or any of the 6000 inspection hours if the inspectors can't even recognize the equipment.

At my February 29, 1984 meeting with Commissioner Bernthal I raised the concern about steam coming from Unit 1 several months before that date. He and his staff assured me that there was no need for concern since, "There was no fuel in Unit 1." Your answer that "It is, of course, true that the TMI-1 fuel remains in the reactor core." does not give me much confidence about how much the commissioners and their staff know or are being told about what is going on at the plant.

Also, I deduce from your response, paragraph 2, "Since the reactor coolant system . . . has been in a cold shutdown condition . . . for the last several months", that when GPU was testing the steam generator tubes in the fall, there were radioactive releases. This time frame is what I was talking about because the neighbors of TMI started to have problems with their animals again. I must reiterate that we in the area are concerned about the radioactive releases that we and our children are being subjected to without our informal consent, without our due process and totally against our will. The NRC is allowing random murder.

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On August 29, 1983, Krypton 85 was released as a result of its being used as a tracer gas to determine tube leaks. A drain valve was inadvertently left open and Krypton 85 was released into the atmosphere. This is another example of how incompetent the new GPU people are at TMI. The NRC fined the new GPU for failure to notify the NRC of this unplanned release. Again a blatant example of the new GPU's untrustworthiness and total lack of integrity. How many examples do you need, Mr. Dircks, to see a pattern for incompetence and total lack of integrity of the new GPU before you say enough is enough! The new GPU is not different from the old GPU which pleaded guilty to criminal charges. You claim that the radioactive release was 10% of allowable release limits. But, according to experts I work with, it is 1000% more than acceptable. Also, can you give me an example where the NRC fined a utility when they exceeded the allowable limits?

Page 2, paragraph 2, you said "NRC regulations require reactors be designed so that the annual dose to any exposed individual offsite cannot exceed 5 mrem total body or 15mrem to the skin for gaseous release." What regulations require this? Is this a requirement or is it a design goal?

Lastly, I understand the inspector, Richard Conte, has just received a meritorious award. I'd like to know what has he done to deserve this award. From what I can see, he hasn't done ANYTHING for the people in the TMI area that can be considered in their interest.

Sincerely,

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