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From what I have read many people have different opinions about the accident on 3 mile island in PA

In March 29, 1979 a congressional team arrived to study the accident that disabled the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant as officials tried to determine whether it was a human error or machines that just weren't in best working order.

Although the leak was sealed, radiation seeped into the Penn. countryside. Low levels of radiation could be detected in the atmosphere as far as 20 miles from the island in the Susquehanna River, 10 miles southeast of Harrisburg.

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So far, there has been only 1 chance that it was a human error, but it is being carefully checked.

There is - though, a good possibility that someone shut off a cooling system valve too soon, causing the core in one reactor to over heat.

Despite the nuclear plant accident, the New York Power Pool, April 3, urged nuclear power for the state's future - including construction of eight nuclear plants in the state.

My opinion of the nuclear power is to keep them open because our coal supplies are limited and the only way to insure the economics is to use the power from the nuclear power plants.

I must admit that the leak was scary but nobody got hurt and there really wasn't too much damage done.

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