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West Rumney Village  
Rumney, NH 03266  
November 6, 1979

Honorable Joseph Hendrie  
Chairman  
US NRC  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Commissioner Hendrie:

While it is a welcome relief that new nuclear power plants will be held up for a while and that nuclear power plants located near large populations may now be closed down because of the evacuation factor, there is a fear that I have as a "country" person. If nuclear plants in the country landscape, such as Maine Yankee and Vermont Yankee, are kept running, the implication is that the country landscape and its people are expendable. First there is the built-in admission that these sources of power are not fool-proof. Then there is the built-in admission that it would be fewer lives involved directly in any accident and that this is acceptable. Of course in the long run it is short-sighted to let the country landscape possibly be polluted, for the eco-system doesn't recognize city lines and radiation would get to the city in foodstuffs and milk if it didn't get there first in air and water.

When will there be a total moratorium?  
I am one anti-nuclear activist who would so happily turn my energies to helping develop in my own town our local, yet-untapped energy sources. If I could be relieved of the necessity to spend hours and hours on the road going to meetings, rallies, demonstrations, I could build a solar-heating greenhouse on the south wall of the Rumney school. Not all by myself. I would organize other parents in the PTO. It would be a benefit to all. Including the cook in the school who is an excellent nutritionist and would love, I am sure, to go to the greenhouse in winter to pick fresh greens.

Please give us a total moratorium.

Thank you once again,

*Lynn R. Chong*  
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LETTER TO ME, LYNN CHONG, RUMNEY, NH  
FROM A WOMAN LIVING CLOSE TO TMI IN PENNSYLVANIA  
-- THE NEWSPAPER I HAD LETTERS IN IS THE PRESS + JOURNAL, 109 POPLAR ST  
MIDDLETOWN, PA 17057 \$7/yr OUT-OF-STATE  
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11 October 1979

Dear Lynn,

After reading several of your letters to the editor of our local newspaper, I decided that it was time to thank you. One of my greatest concerns is that people outside of our area don't know what we are really going through. You may have read that we were recently visited by Jane Fonda and Tom Hayden; while many residents have protested this, I think it was just what we needed to try to put us back in the spotlight. I'm sure that makes me seem publicity-hungry, but I am not. On one hand I feel that reporters are invading my privacy; on the other I feel that the rest of the world must know that we are still suffering. If by telling my story I can spare someone else a painful experience, it is worth the price.

I live less than a mile from Three Mile Island and even though I was brought up in Middletown, I would like nothing better than to move far away from any nuclear facility. My biggest reasons for wishing to move are perhaps the smallest--my two-year-old son and the baby I am expecting in May. Even before finding I was pregnant, I would sometimes lie awake at night and cry about what the future held for my son. Now I must worry about the unborn in light of statistics (unofficial and unpublished, of course) of increased miscarriages, stillbirths, and birth defects. And we have yet to see the outcomes of pregnancies not yet begun until after the parents had been exposed to heaven-knows-how-much radiation. I had thought we were living in a country where one of the greatest concerns of parents was to provide for their children a better life than in former

generations. This seems to be almost impossible in this day with the threats of "civilization."

A lesser concern, but very real to us, is our financial loss. My husband and I are concerned with space for a new baby. But who would buy a house in sight of those monstrous towers? Less than a year after moving into our house, it's doubtful that we could even get back what we owe on our mortgage. I find it pathetic that after working so hard to ~~own~~ this place, the only way out of it seems to be to declare bankruptcy.

And what about the waste that remains at the facility? Met-Ed wishes the release of Krypton gas over a period of thirty days. If this should ever happen, my son and I would leave whether an evacuation was officially recommended or not. During that time my husband would have to stay on his job in order to support us, which means our family would be split. Is this more of the American way of life?

One of my greatest fears is not for myself or for my family, but for those of you who live close to other nuclear facilities. During the past few weeks I have heard of "unharmful" releases in Virginia and Minnesota. Both times I felt sick in my stomach because I was afraid someone else would have to endure the same pains or worse. I appreciate the thought that "we are all in Pennsylvania," but remember that the people of PA also live in fear everywhere that there is a nuclear facility.

Thank you again for your concern and please pass the word--the people of Three Mile Island are still suffering and fear the time that someone else may have to bear our burdens in earnest.

Sincerely  
Vickie D. Sando  
Middletown, PA

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