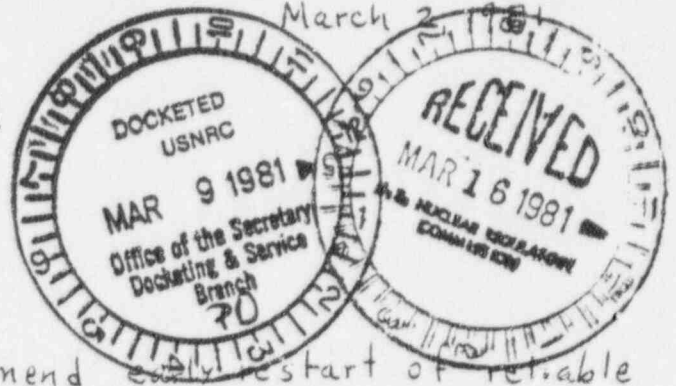


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Dear Sir:

I strongly urge you to recommend early restart of reliable undamaged Unit #1 at TMI. #1 feel that your groups have been "dragging your feet" both in investigating and then in arriving on a decision.

Your expertise and investigation thus far must have convinced you that it is unfair to keep TMI #1 out of service while allowing the other four B&W units throughout the United States to operate. In the four plus years of operation, Unit #1 was one of the most reliable in the world. It was reported by the Kemmery and Roguin committees that Met Ed operators were better qualified than the average in the nuclear industry. Other than the vociferous anti-nuclear minority clamoring for death to all nuclear plants you well know that the vast majority of Americans believe it is safe.

If you can truthfully believe that TMI #1 is any more of a hazard than the rest of the operating nuclear plants in the United States, then it is your duty to keep it closed. If it is not any more hazardous, then it is your duty to encourage a speedy return to service.

As a regulating body, you have to look after the best interests of the public, but you are not expected to discriminate against any member you regulate. TMI #1 can be operated safely and reliably as it did for over four years if you will give it the opportunity.

Sincerely yours

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