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NRC Will Rule by June on TMI-1

EMERGENCY!!! *** EMERGENCY!!! *** EMERGENCY!!! ***
These headlines should convince you that the time to act is now.

NRC Exonerates Top GPU Execs

Unless we all speak out, write, lobby, pressure, educate, organize, and rally together, GPU is going to convince the NRC to let them RESTART UNIT 1.

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**CHECK YOUR
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NUMBER!**

Sierra Club Pa. Environmental Lobby will benefit from the proceeds of a banquet at Villa Leo (with vegetarian option) on Saturday, February 25, at 6:30 p.m. Minstrel & movie included. For reservations and information: Barry Kauffman; P.O.Box 230, Lewisberry, PA 17339

It Wasn't That They Did It, It Was the Way They Did It

Without allowing any public comment, the NRC held a "public" meeting, in which they announced their decision to decide about allowing GPU to restart TMI Unit I before the courts and other legal investigating agencies have had the chance to decide whether they find GPU guilty of criminal misconduct.

If the mission of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission were truly to pre-serve and protect the public health and safety, all issues would be exhaustively investigated prior to their decision on restart. Perhaps they would more appropriately be called the Nuclear Promotional Commission.

The industry is exerting heavy pressure to reopen TMI, in response to several recent anti-nuclear decisions across the country. The NRC is vulnerable to such pressure. We must exert greater pressure to KEEP TMI CLOSED! !

Alert your elected officials and representatives that they must strongly oppose and act to prevent restart of TMI or they will be defeated in the next election. Flood them with letters and/or visits to let them know how serious we are.

Tell NRC Commissioners Thomas Roberts and Frederick Bernthal, and especially Chairman Nunzio Palladino that the citizens of central Pa. will not tolerate restart of TMI.

Thank NRC Commissioners Asselstine and Gilinsky for their favorable votes in this unfavorable decision of 1/27/84.

Talk these issues up with your friends and neighbors, start talking to your local merchants, and see how much anger and resentment is felt towards GPU. We are not a minority.

Help leaflet at local theaters after Silkwood has shown. The people leaving the show are very receptive and glad to be given any information, and it is uplifting to be thanked for spending 10 minutes handing out papers to area residents.

Volunteer to help with mailings or phone calls.

These meetings, highlighted from the PIRC calendar, are VERY IMPORTANT. Please attend:

February 9, 7 p.m. @ Holiday Inn Town, Hbg., NRC CITIZENS ADVISORY PANEL ON CLEAN-UP OF TMI-I. EPA plans to discontinue radiation monitoring will be presented, and new NRC data on worker exposure to radiation and potential health effects will be discussed.

February 15, 7 p.m., Middletown High School, Mdn., NRC public meeting on the new NRC data on worker exposure to radiation will be held; public comments are welcome and copies of the document (PEIS, NUREG-0683, Supplement 1) are available through the NRC or TMIA.

February 21, 6 p.m. Pot Luck supper, 7:30 p.m. TMIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Hbg. Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts., Hbg.

February 27, Pre-hearing conference on steam tube repairs at TMI Unit-I.

TMIA ALERT

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to

HELP HELP HELP

"STOP THE RESTART"

TMIA intervenors have been instrumental in keeping the NRC from granting permission to restart TMI and in providing substance for the criminal indictments against GPU.

Funds are desperately needed to continue the intervention processes. The TMIA Planning Council agreed to pay Louise Bradford a weekly stipend of \$150 in order that she may devote full time to researching and writing. Additional money may be needed for Joanne Doroshov's expenses.

These women have already put in so much of their own time that we must see our financial contributions as small repayment for thier efforts. After all, it is our struggle; they've been carrying the weight for us. Let's help.

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THE PIRC REPORT

Three Mile Island
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WELCOME TO THE PIRC REPORT

January, 1984

The members of the Susquehanna Valley Alliance and Three Mile Island Alert are seeing their first issue of THE PIRC REPORT. The Report and its predecessor publication, The PIRC Newsletter, were initiated to give those fine people pledging monthly contributions to PIRC something tangible for their money. After a few issues, some feel the Report can fill a long felt need for an area-wide publication providing credible information on the many issues involving TMI. Your comments on the content and style of the PIRC Report are appreciated. Additional monthly pledges are also welcome.

RESTART?

Whether or when TMI gets restarted is still unresolved. This month the NRC listed 63 potential management integrity issues that could conceivably block the restart of TMI. The list was released on January 20, just days after a January 16 closed door meeting at which the NRC discussed the 25% power proposal (no word at press time on what they decided, if anything).

On January 11 the intervenors presented oral arguments before the Appeal Board on the cheating incidents. TMIA intervenor Joanne Doroshow also asked the Appeal Board to order the hearing record reopened because of the vast amount of new evidence that has surfaced since the Licensing Board issued its pro-management decisions in 1981-82. Appeal Board member Christine Kohl provided some hope when she stated in response to the cheating incidents and other issues that "What we have in this case are continued cases of bad corporate judgement."

NRC SAYS DANGER ON RISE AT TMI CLEANUP

Overall radiation exposure to workers cleaning up the TMI reactor could be six times greater than previously thought, the NRC revealed in early January. The six-fold increase in the exposure estimations--leading to additional deaths from exposure induced cancers--is the result of data gathered on the more than 300 entries into the reactor since the original estimates were issued in 1981. A public meeting on the exposure to workers has been scheduled for February 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Middletown High School.

GPU SEEKS TO SHIFT FUNDS TO CLEANUP

GPU has petitioned the Public Utility Commission to transfer \$15.8 million from its amortization fund to its cleanup fund. If the shift is approved, it would not result in a rate increase. At question is the use of funds already in hand. Additional funds are not being sought from GPU's ratepayers at this time.

MET-ED/GPU SEEKS DISMISSAL OF CHARGES

Federal prosecutors filed papers in early January opposing requests by the former operator of TMI to dismiss criminal charges stemming from the 1979 accident. The government action came in response to Met Ed's request that Judge Sylvia Rambo dismiss the 11-count indictment charging the company with falsifying data on reactor coolant leaks prior to the March 28, 1979 accident. Watch the PIRC Report in the months ahead. This one will drag on for a while.

IRS OK'S CLEANUP DEDUCTIONS FOR UTILITIES

In late December the Internal Revenue Service ruled that utilities may take tax deductions on contributions to the TMI-2 cleanup. In the almost one month that has passed, however, not a word from the industry on additional funds for the mop up operation. Was it the Edison Electric Institute that told us a favorable ruling from the IRS would spur contributions for the cleanup? We're confident they'll come through. They've never lied to us before.

RICKOVER NOW A GPU LOBBYIST

Retired Adm. Hyman ("Credibility, Inc.") Rickover is now lobbying for the restart of TMI Unit I. Fortunately, legislators and their staffs are regarding his views (according to one published report) "pretty much as a statement coming from the company." ALICE AND GEORGE HERMAN of the Newberry Township Steering Committee are currently preparing a response to Rickover's pro-restart efforts with the state congressional delegation. The Hermans, other NTSC members and other area residents have been speaking with elected officials about their concerns regarding restart, as well as about evidence which proves restart is unacceptable.

HIGH COURT HOLDS FOR SILKWOOD - BAD NEWS FOR N-INDUSTRY

"...persons injured by nuclear accidents (are) free to utilize existing state tort law remedies," said U.S. Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White in his majority opinion in the case involving the estate of Karen Silkwood against the Kerr-McGee Corporation.

Though the possibility of a \$10 million settlement for Silkwood heirs won headlines on most news broadcasts, the real story is the award's long-range implications for the nuclear industry. Suppose every exposed worker sues a plant owner for negligence in hopes of winning a multimillion dollar settlement. It sounds like its a good business to get out of.

Q. How many GPU managers does it take to falsify leak rates?

A. All of them. Some to falsify the documents and the rest to look the other way.

A GLOWING REPORT

We don't know how the local news media missed this, but a national magazine has reported that a spokesperson for GPU Nuclear Corporation, operator of TMI and the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant near Forked River, New Jersey, acknowledged that plant records stored in a bank vault were found to be somewhat radioactive.

LILCO SHORTS TAX COLLECTORS

Officials of the Long Island Lighting Company (Lilco), owners of the \$4 billion nuclear plant at Shoreham, NY, reported they were depositing \$26.2 million in property taxes owed on their plant into an escrow account rather than into the public treasury. The company called the move "the logical consequence...of years of opposition to the plant" from county officials. The Suffolk County officials have blocked start-up of Shoreham arguing there is no way possible to evacuate Long Island in the event of an accident. The County will ask the state attorney general to help them seize \$26.2 million worth of the "renegade utility's" assets. Lilco suffered a setback on January 17 when the state of New York told the NRC that Lilco's "in house" evacuation plan (using Lilco employees to direct traffic and perform other emergency functions) was illegal - the company simply has no legal authority to implement the plan.

HELP WANTED - Do you want to meet new people? Learn how to write grant proposals? Gain experience in working with a dynamic board of directors and too many committees? An opportunity to demonstrate your natural leadership qualities? To make contacts with interesting people throughout central Pennsylvania? Perform many tasks which border on the tedious, yet need to be done if we're going to stop the restart? Then call PIRC at 233-4241 and volunteer. You learn from us. We'll learn from you. A great skill sharing opportunity.

OHIO'S ZIMMER PLANT WILL BURN COAL

Four days after Cincinnati's City Council voted unanimously to abandon the 97 percent complete, \$1.7 billion spent so far, Zimmer nuclear power plant, Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co. announced they would try to convert the plant to a coal-burning unit.

CG&E officials said it would take another \$1.5 billion to satisfy federal regulations and open Zimmer as a nuclear plant by 1986. The plant's original cost estimate was \$240 million and it was expected to be operational in the mid-1970s. Company officials don't know how much it will cost to complete the first ever conversion from nuclear to coal, but they figure it has to be far less than the \$1.5 billion nuclear price tag. It is expected to be on-line as a coal burning plant by 1991.

(All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

JANUARY

Sunday, 29 **Volunteer Meeting** for 5th Anniversary Events (2:00 p.m.)
1037 Maclay Street, PSSU Basement, Harrisburg
PANE Board, Middletown
Monday, 30 **SVA Core**, Lancaster
Legal Fund - Location to be announced

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, 1 **PIRC Board**, Harrisburg
Monday, 6 **SVA Core**, Lancaster
Tuesday, 7 **TMA Planning Council**, Harrisburg
TMI-PIRC Health Issues Committee, Middletown
Wednesday, 8 **YEA Monthly Meeting**, York
NTSC Monthly Meeting, Newberrytown
Thursday, 9 **TMI Cleanup Advisory Council** (usually at Holiday Inn, Harrisburg, no location announced at press time)
Saturday, 11 **ECNP** (10:00 a.m.) State College
Monday, 13 **SVA Core**, Lancaster
Legal Fund - Location to be announced
Wednesday, 15 **TMI-PIRC Board**, Harrisburg
NRC Meeting on Worker Dose Assessments, Middletown High School, Public Meeting
Thursday, 16 **SVA General Meeting**, Lancaster
Sunday, 19 **PANE Board**, Middletown
Monday, 20 **SVA Core**, Lancaster
Tuesday, 21 **TMA General Membership Meeting**, Harrisburg
Monday, 27 **SVA Core**, Lancaster
Atomic Safety & Licensing Board Hearings on Steam Tubes begin today
Wednesday, 29 **TMI-PIRC Board**, Harrisburg

NRC DENIES OPERATING LICENSE TO ILLINOIS PLANT

For the first time in the history of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, an NRC Licensing Board acted on January 12 to deny an operating license for a nearly completed plant. The rejection for the Byron Nuclear plant in Rockford, Illinois marked the first time in the history of the nuclear power industry that a plant has been denied a license to operate. The Licensing Board said that Commonwealth Edison's \$3.35 billion plant should not be permitted to operate because of the utility's "very long record of non-compliances with NRC requirements." The Board also cited the lack of quality assurance programs by a number of Byron's contractors as a reason for the denial. Commonwealth Edison will now take the case to an Appeal Board or directly to the Commissioners themselves. Maybe there's still hope for justice from the NRC, but don't hold your breath.

INDIANA UTILITY CALLS IT QUILTS

Indiana's largest utility decided it was "financially unable to proceed" with the Marble Hill nuclear plant and it was pulling out after spending \$2.5 billion on the project. The decision came after a special governor's task force last month recommended the 9-year-old project be canceled and that the utility's shareholders absorb a "substantial amount" of the burden of the money already spent.

145 ARRESTED AT DIABLO CANYON

Protests against the anticipated approval by the NRC of a low-power test license for Pacific Gas and Electric's Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant resulted in 145 arrests in nine days (as of Jan. 22). The arrests were the latest in a civil disobedience campaign that began January 13 when 50 people were arrested. The activity, coordinated by the Abalone Alliance, is expected to continue indefinitely.

ANYBODY SEE 1,700 POUNDS OF URANIUM

More than 1,700 pounds of enriched uranium, enough to make 85 atomic bombs, has been reported missing from the government's nuclear weapons plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The material, missing since 1947, continues to vanish despite tightened security at the plant. About 178 pounds of the material was unaccounted for from 1979 to 1982, the Scripps-Howard News Service said. The government does not believe the material was stolen. Officials have blamed faulty bookkeeping, ejection of the material through plant smokestacks, or that it may be stuck in machinery or in the miles of pipe in the plant.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING ADVANCING - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The coming anniversary of the 1979 accident will provide many opportunities for area residents to focus worldwide attention on local opposition to the restart of TMI. TMI-PIRC and its member groups are currently gearing up for a wide variety of events and activities to publicize and win support for its on-going struggle. Volunteers are urgently needed to help organize 5th Anniversary commemorations.

PIRC is hoping that those who were active years ago will come out of "retirement" as, in the words of one PIRC activist, "we are as close to winning this as we are to losing it. The success of our 5th Anniversary events and how well we get our message out could finally bring about the permanent shut down we've sought for so long."

A volunteer organizing meeting for 5th Anniversary events will be held in the basement of the PSSU Building, 1037 Maclay Street (across from the Farm Show Building) at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 29. Below listed are some of the tentatively scheduled 5th Anniversary events.

Throughout March	National Speaking Tours for TMI Area Residents
Sunday, March 18	Women's Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday, March 24	Benefit Concert with Bonnie Raitt and Wind & Wood at the Forum
Sunday, March 25	Public Forums on the "Case Against Restart" in Harrisburg, York and Lancaster
Monday, March 26	
Tuesday, March 27	
Wednesday, March 28	4:00 a.m. Vigil at TMI gates 10:00 a.m. National Press Conference in the Capitol Afternoon - State Legislative Lobbying Evening - Public Health/Radiation Round-table

PLEDGE PROGRAM REPORT

In December, \$968 was raised through the pledge program. \$543 was raised through monthly pledges and \$425 came through one-time donations. As of January 16, \$440.50 was raised, \$323.00 in pledges and \$117.50 in one-time donations.

PIRC is looking for volunteers to come into the office or to work at home. We are taking names off of several mailing lists and putting them on a master listing of 3 x 5 cards. If you can spare a couple of hours for telephoning or list management functions, PIRC can use you just about any time. Call 233-4241 to volunteer.

The second phase of the pledge program's campaign began on January 23 and will continue until March 23. Callers are needed in the York and Lancaster areas in particular. If you would be willing to contact 25-50 people for the pledge program (from the comfort of your own home) call PIRC for a list.

Callers are needed in all areas to assist with community outreach work. The 5th Anniversary will soon be here and now is the time to pull in new volunteers. If you can't serve personally, can you recruit someone? Call members of your church, civic organization or any clubs you may belong to for monthly pledges, one-time donations and volunteers. If calling is inconvenient, return this handy form with your monthly pledge. Thanks.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

I will contact members of _____ of which I am a member.
(organization)

_____ Number of members. Please contact me to go over the necessary materials for the calls.

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The following activities have been scheduled to commemorate the
FIFTH ANNIVERSARY of the March 28, 1979 T.M.I. NUCLEAR ACCIDENT.
Please attend and lend your support to our efforts to keep T.M.I. closed!

<u>March dates</u>	<u>Event, Location, Time</u>
Sunday, 18th	<u>Women's Potluck Dinner/Meeting</u> at Lakeside Lutheran Church, Dinner 5-6 p.m.; small group discussion to focus on feelings and issues; nuclear hardsell slide show & presentation by Lin Nelson of the National Women's Health Network. Child care is available. To find out more, call 233-4004.
Wednesday, 21st	PANE presents film <u>We Are The Guinea Pigs</u> and guest speaker Bob Pollard of the Union of Concerned Scientists at the Middletown Community Bldg., 60 W. Emaus St. at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, 24th	RALLY, SPEAK OUT at Penn Square in Lancaster, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (Rain or shine), sponsored by SVA (music & speakers).
Sunday, 25th	HEALTH EFFECTS *** PUBLIC MEETING to learn about the past, present and future health effects of the TMI accident, at P.S.U. Capital Campus Multipurpose Bldg., Middletown, from 2 to 5 p.m. Dr. Carl Johnson etc. (see enclosed flyer).
Tuesday, 27th	FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FORUM at the Capital Forum in Hbg., 7:30 p.m.

RALPH NADER

National Consumer Advocate, Guest Speaker; musical enter-
tainment by Wind & Wood; PreElection Candidates Forum.

Tickets: Adults \$3, Students \$2, SENIOR CITIZENS FREE.

Tickets available prior or at the door. Call 232-7111.

Wednesday, 28th	<u>VIGIL</u> at the exact time the accident occurred just north of the North Gate of T.M.I., 2505 River Rd. Gather at 3:30 for the 4 a.m. vigil. Let everyone come together then.
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On February 29, 1984, U.S. District Judge Sylvia Rambo accepted a plea bargain agreement proposed by the U.S. Department of Justice and Met=Ed, settling the criminal case against Met=Ed.

Met=Ed pled guilty to one count of the indictment termed by the court to be a "significant, meaningful count" and "one of the pivotal counts in the indictment"; a "no contest" plea was entered on six other counts.

The company now stands convicted of maintaining a company policy involving senior management to systematically falsify leak rate data and destroy documents, for at least five months prior to March 28, 1979.

As succinctly stated by the Patriot News in a March 2 editorial, "the guilty plea...should terminate the matter and permanently ban this organization from having its finger on a nuclear control panel, here or anywhere else."

But the N.R.C. does not see things that way. The N.R.C., whose sole purpose under law is protecting the public, is moving ahead with a restart vote in June, having already determined that the results of the criminal proceeding or implications of dozens of other outstanding "integrity" issues shall have no relevance to the restart decision.

In order to justify this position, the N.R.C. had to buy G.P.U.'s claim that the company, now reorganized under new management, has removed from actual operation all personnel connected with wrongdoing. This claim is flatly wrong, as anyone with any knowledge of the details of this "reorganization" (except the N.R.C.) sees it as a ridiculous proposal. Congressman Gekas, for example, refers to it as a "cosmetic...paper change."

Indeed, the company is still run by many of the same people who were around at the time of the accident, including G.P.U. President Herman Dieckamp and Chairman of the Board for G.P.U., William Kuhns.

Yet, as things now stand, it is virtually guaranteed that the N.R.C. will deem this company fit to again operate T.M.I. by June, 1984.

THERE IS A WAY TO STOP THIS RESTART VOTE. The responsibility lies with one person who can influence the WhiteHouse, and thus the N.R.C. to stop the restart vote === Governor Thornburgh. Governor Thornburgh is, in essence, President Reagan's Penna. Reelection Campaign manager. Delivering the Pennsylvania vote, especially the Central Pa. vote, is key to Reagan's reelection. Thornburgh could have enormous influence and we must insist that he use it.

Thus, it is time that we must insist that Thornburgh demand meetings with the N.R.C. Commissioners and with Reagan to stop the June restart vote and to demand that G.P.U.'s license be immediately revoked. Write to Gov. Thornburgh and demand that he meet with these key figures to prevent the reopening of Three Mile Island.

To all those who have contributed within the last month, a big THANK YOU!!

To all those who have put aside the "request for funds" letter, NOW is the time to write a check to help carry on TMIA's efforts to keep T.M.I. closed.

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TMI 5 Years Later Health Effects

What We Learned / What We Need to Know
What Does the Future Hold?

PUBLIC MEETING

March 25th - Sunday Afternoon

2 - 5 PM - Multipurpose Building, Penn State Capital
Campus, Middletown, Pa.

Coffee Hour Included.

SPEAKERS FOR PANEL PRESENTATION:

- *Dr. Carl Johnson, Medical Care and Research Foundation, Denver, Colorado.
- *Dr. George K. Tokuhata, Pa. Dept. of Health, Harrisburg, Pa.
- *Dr. Guy Steucek, Millersville University, Millersville, Pa.
- *Mary Osborn and Francine Taylor, Harrisburg and Lancaster residents.
- *Dr. Bruce Molholt, Bryn Mawr College, Philadelphia, Pa.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

Health effects of local residents in TMI area since the accident with emphasis on fetal deaths, Hypo-thyroidism, infant mortality and report on studies of voles.

The TMI Public Health Fund will comment on future health studies.

The Public is invited to fill out a TMI Health Questionnaire between 1 and 2 P.M. --- the Multipurpose Building will be open for this purpose.

INITIATED:

TMI - Public Interest Resource Center Health
Issues Committee, 1037 Maclay Street, Harrisburg, Pa. 17103

For More Information: PHONE (717) 233-7897

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

1984
5 YEARS

1989
10 YEARS

1994
15 YEARS

1999
20 YEARS

2004
25 YEARS

2009
30 YEARS

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- * FUNDRAISING The TMIA Intervention Fund was established to pay for costs incurred by volunteers, attorneys and consultants working to keep TMI Unit 1 shut forever. The February letter sent to all members and other community supporters resulted in contributions totalling \$3,000. THANKS TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED !

Additional monies are needed immediately. PLEASE FORWARD THE \$20.00 for the 2 enclosed tickets and phone the office (233-7897) to order more tickets. Use the reverse side as a flyer and post on a local bulletin board. Additional flyers available at the TMIA office.

SEND \$20.00 to TMIA, 315 Peffer Street, Harrisburg, Pa., 17102.

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Income		Expenses	
Memberships	\$ 3466.00	Office supplies	\$ 242.72
Sales of shirts,hats	518.03	Postage	1427.34
Donations	2097.87	Printing	2211.43
Fundraisers	410.15	Rent	625.00
	<u>\$ 6492.05</u>	Telephone	1451.93
		Reception at hotel	213.00
		Subscription	109.00
		Travel	153.67
		Purchases (misc.)	116.10
		Film rental	34.50
			<u>\$ 6584.69</u>

Savings Account (TRO & Intervention Fund)

12/31/82	\$ 912.36
12/28/83	1542.61

Balance in General Fund checking account 12/31/83 \$ 83.29

- * DAUPHIN COUNTY CLEAN AIR ACT The Clean Air Task Force will soon report to the County Commissioners. Write & phone Commissioners Minnich, Hetrick & Hochendoner urging adoption of a clean air ordinance designed to control radioactive emissions. Write: P.O. Box 1295, Harrisburg, Pa., 17108. Phone: 255-2741.

- * MEMBERSHIP MEETING Tuesday, May 15th at Harrisburg Friends Meetinghouse, 6th & Herr Sts., Hbg. with pot-luck supper at 6:15 PM and membership program at 7:30PM. Election of Planning Council.
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THURSDAY, MAY 31st
7:30 to 9:30 PM
Lakeside Lutheran
Church
Green & Division Sts.
Harrisburg

THE ISSUE IS CONTROL AND SELF-DETERMINATION BY THE PEOPLE OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. WE ARE FACING A CRISIS IN DEMOCRACY. THE MAY 18, 1982 REFERENDUM VOTE SHOWED A 2 to 1 MAJORITY FAVORED PERMANENT SHUTDOWN OF TMI UNIT 1.

FEATURING SPEAKERS ROB HAGER AND STEVE WODKA

* Rob Hager is cofounder and legal director of the Christic Institute, an ecumenical center in Washington D.C. for public policy and public interest law.

A member of the original trial team in Silkwood v. Kerr-McGee and strategist of the Silkwood family's successful appeal to the Supreme Court, Hager is an expert on the Silkwood case and its significance for nuclear workers and the residents of communities where nuclear facilities operate.

Hager represented the residents of Three Mile Island in the case which established that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission broke the law when it authorized the release of potentially lethal Krypton from the TMI plant.

* Steve Wodka was a friend and colleague of Karen Silkwood. As international representative of Silkwood's union, the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers (OCAW), Wodka worked with Silkwood during her investigation of safety hazards at the Kerr-McGee plutonium factory in Crescent, Oklahoma.

Wodka was waiting with New York Times reporter David Burnham for the scheduled meeting at which Silkwood was to present documentation from her investigation. Silkwood was killed in an unexplained automobile crash on her way to the meeting. Wodka coordinated the union's subsequent investigation into her death.

FOR TICKET INFORMATION: Phone (717) 233-7897 or Write Three Mile Island
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* The Three Mile Island Alert Planning Council (your decision making body) currently consists of the following individuals: Randy Smedley (Chairperson), Joe Belcastro (Vice-Chairperson), Vera Stuchinski (Secretary), Paul Lujanac (Treasurer), Bev Davis, Nan Wenger, Charles Leising and Kay Pickering (Office Coordinator). Vacancies exist on the Planning Council and members are encouraged to volunteer. Please phone one of the Planning Council members or call Kay at the office.

* DATES OF IMPORTANCE

- June 13, Wednesday Presentation by NRC staff on the progress and implications of GPU's non-nuclear testing of TMI #1 at the PSSU building, 1037 Maclay Street, Harrisburg, 7:30 PM. Public invited.
- June 14, Thursday The TMI Advisory Panel for the Decontamination of TMI #2 will meet from 7 to 10 PM in the Holiday Inn, 2nd & Chestnut Sts., Harrisburg. The public is encouraged to attend. To be discussed: methods of funding and completing cleanup at Unit 2 and plans for lifting the reactor head.
- June 21, Thursday Workshop for TMI activists on the handling of stress in their personal lives. Call the TMIA office for details (233-7897).
- June 24, Sunday TMIA will have a flea market table at the Colonial Park Mall. Please phone Kay at the office or Sandra Choma (233-3788 evenings) if you can donate items or help at the table. ALL PROFITS ARE DONATED TO THE TMIA INTERVENTION FUND.
- July 15, Sunday PICNIC FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY
Noon till dark at Camp Reilly. Tickets available at the TMIA office. See the reverse side of this newsletter for detailed info.

IMMEDIATELY WRITE THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION URGING FULL HEARINGS BE HELD ON THE UNRESOLVED MANAGEMENT ISSUES! Write: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary to the NRC, 1717 H St., N.W., Wash. D.C. PHONE GOVERNOR THORNBURGH at 787-2500. (See page 1 of the PIRC Report for full details.)

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THE PIRC REPORT

Three Mile Island
Public Interest Resource Center
1037 Maclay Street
Harrisburg, PA 17103

June, 1984

BIZARRE NRC RULING MAY SPEED RESTART - Just a week after an NRC panel recommended further studies of GPU management practices--news which was thought to mean an additional restart delay--the Nuclear Regulatory Commission voted 3-1 in favor of an order which gives interested parties two weeks to comment on whether a restart decision should be made before the management issues are resolved. Ellyn Weiss, a lawyer for the Union of Concerned Scientists, called the order "bizarre" and speculated that the Commission did not read the appeal board decision which raised new doubts about management competence. TMIA Intervenor Joanne Doroshov says the time constraints of the order are "next to impossible" to comply with, but reports she is completing a brief outlining why a restart decision should be delayed until management issues are resolved.

Though reasons for delaying a restart decision must be obvious to everyone except GPU management and the NRC, PIRC Report readers are urged to contact the NRC immediately to urge that the restart vote be delayed until after management issues are resolved. **Write to: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary to the NRC, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555.** Cite what you've been reading about in the papers: the findings of the Appeals Board, the guilty plea, the second grand jury investigation. It is also important that Gov. Thornburgh and his administration get involved at this time. The administration sat out a number of recent battles, even though the Governor has repeatedly stated a position opposing restart. **Please call the Governor at 787-2500 or 787-5962 and urge his administration to make good on its pledge to block restart.**

51 ARRESTED AT PLANT GATE ON REFERENDUM'S 2ND ANNIVERSARY - One year's time saw an increase of more than 400 percent of the number of people willing to be arrested for their belief that Three Mile Island should not be restarted against the will of the people. The 51 arrested on the second anniversary of the May 18 referendum is a four-fold increase over the dozen arrested in 1983. Though predominantly area residents took part in the demonstration, protestors from far away joined ranks with local citizens, once again showing that TMI is more than a local issue.

Somehow, the broad support the anti-restart faction is enjoying is being touted as a sign of weakness by those in favor of restart. Letters have appeared in the *Patriot* criticizing the fact that people from outside the "10-mile radius" were among those arrested and, in a sense, stating that since only a fraction of those who voted against restart showed up to get arrested, then the rest must now favor restart. It is logic such as this that leads to conclusions in favor of restart.

At hearings on the arrests before District Justice William Heckman, Robert Pollard, a nuclear safety engineer with the Union of Concerned Scientists, testified on behalf of two Lancaster Countians that there was "legitimate reason" for the demonstrators concern that the plant poses danger to the public. Pollard argued that GPU Nuclear has not made all the modifications at Unit 1 suggested in the wake of the accident at Unit 2. Heckman said he had no question about the sincerity of the demonstrators, but suggested they lobby legislators "rather than demonstrate at the plant."

RALLY ALSO MARKS ANNIVERSARY - Concerned Mothers and Women held a rally on May 18 on the Capitol steps. 16 speakers including State Rep. Peter C. Wambach, Dauphin County Commissioner Larry Hochendoner, State Sen. John Shumaker, Rep. Bruce Smith, Harrisburg City Council members Jane Perkins and Earl Gohl, Andy Berger of Middletown Council, Lower Swatara Commissioner George Hinkernell and Robert Pollard of the Union of Concerned Scientists. Not appearing was Gov. Dick Thornburgh who was asked to come and speak out on whether GPU or the NRC has addressed his concerns regarding funding being in place for the cleanup, and whether health and safety issues have been addressed to his satisfaction?

Aware the Governor would not attend, the Mothers announced plans to deliver copies of statements made during the speak-out to his office following the rally. The Concerned Mothers were greeted at the Governor's office door by closed doors and an armed guard who was instructed to say "We are not allowed to accept anything today." Consumed with "anger and disbelief" the Mothers shoved their envelope under the Governor's door.

Since the rally the Mothers have sent the Governor a certified letter expressing their regret his office refused to accept their statements and demanding that he answer their questions.

D.T. PLEASE CALL HOME - The Concerned Mothers aren't the only ones looking to hear from Governor Thornburgh. Many of his neighbors are anxious about recent events and wondering what the administration is planning, if anything, and when they'll be making their move to, as the Governor has often said, "do whatever is necessary" to block restart until his concerns about safety and cleanup funding have been addressed.

Bob Pollard and Ellyn Weiss of the Union of Concerned Scientists spelled out why the Governor must take action now in an article they wrote for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. They wrote:

"...the governor's failure to have his staff participate in NRC decisions leading up to the restart vote could preclude the commonwealth's right to seek legal remedies afterward. **A court may very well deny such appeals on the grounds that available administrative remedies were not exhausted...** Statements to the press and letters to the Commissioners are no longer enough."

Pollard and Weiss go on to list a half dozen specific instances when the Thornburgh administration should have been out front on the TMI issue but, strangely, remained silent. They conclude that the NRC is on a course which would allow restart of TMI even though serious doubts remain about whether the plant is safe and whether GPU Nuclear has the competence and integrity to manage it. "Unless the governor announces now that he will seek a court stay if restart is approved while these questions remain, and unless he directs his officials to immediately resume an active role in the issue before the commission in this case," they write, "the NRC will surely take what it sees as the path of least political resistance and roll over the objections of local citizens."

Your calls and letters to the Governor are important. Let him know we're depending on him. After all, he promised. Try 787-2500 or 787-5962.

CONSERVATION NETWORK ASKS D.T. TO STOP RESTART - The Conservation Network of Pa., whose member organizations represent hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians, called on Gov. Thornburgh to halt restart of TMI Unit 1. Member groups, including the Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, the Sierra Club, Trout Unlimited and other groups, raised concerns centering in four areas: management competence, plant safety, public health and safety and environmental quality. Add your voice, call 787-2500 or 787-5962.

PIRC HEALTH ISSUES COMMITTEE ACTIVE, EFFECTIVE - Though they aren't making headlines, a group of activists led by Committee Chairperson Kay Pickering is quietly working with the state Department of Health, the TMI Public Health Fund, and others to increase understanding of the health effects of the accident at TMI.

Committee members met on May 3 with representatives of the state Dept. of Health and received a commitment to follow through on Committee suggestions concerning community involvement in epidemiological studies and research. Also, committee member Dr. Sandra Prince-Embury has penned a proposal now being considered by the National Cancer Institute that the TMI area be targeted as a high-risk population for cancer prevention. Finally, a workshop on the "psychosocial impacts of invisible environmental contaminants" will be held in Philadelphia on June 14. Three TMI-PIRC people--Bev Hess, Bob Colman and Prince-Embury--have been invited to attend.

The Committee also reports that Dauphin County MH/MR is developing a plan to provide services and workshops to the general public on dealing with TMI-related stress. The sorely-needed workshops should help area residents to deal with feelings of helplessness and the inability to effect change.

RESTART MEANS WINDFALL FOR GPU - The *Philadelphia Inquirer* reported that Fulton S. Homes of Morgan Stanley & Co. in New York has published a report recommending investors purchase GPU stock which, at our press time, were going for about \$8.60 per share. Holmes predicts it will rise to \$13 per share once Unit 1 is restarted. Further, if GPU is able to get the reactor restarted and operates it for 100 consecutive hours at 35 percent of capacity, they immediately net \$101 million more annually from base rate increases for its three subsidiaries. This \$101 million translates to an additional 90 cents to \$1.00 in earnings per share.

Since the company's worst year in 1981 when it lost \$15.9 million, or 26 cents a share, things have been improving. In 1982, GPU earned \$37.5 million, or 61 cents a share. Last year, the company showed profits of \$50.9 million, or 83 cents a share. During the first quarter of this year, GPU increased its earnings by 178 percent compared with the first quarter of 1983.

CLEANUP MONEY FOCUS IN WASHINGTON - NRC Reactor Chief (chief reactor?) Harold Denton characterized the cleanup funding dilemma as "a national embarrassment" in hearings before a congressional panel in late May. The hearing was called by Rep. Robert Walker (R-East Petersburg) who sought some answers as to when the electric utilities would be coming up with money for the cleanup. Rep. George Gekas (R-Harrisburg) is now said to be considering a "Chrysler-type" bailout as GPU is said to be some \$200 million short of the figure needed to do the job. Meanwhile, NRC Chairman Nunzio Palladino has directed staff attorneys to determine the agency's authority to order GPU to adhere to a schedule for the cleanup.

UTILITIES HOARDING TAX DOLLARS - The Associated Press reports that the nation's electric utilities have billed customers \$6.3 billion, about \$28 per household, in 1983 federal taxes that, through business tax breaks, won't be paid for several years. The tax deferrals, had they been passed directly on to consumers instead of into building new power plants, would have more than offset the \$5.4 billion in rate increases last year.

PERKINS' COMMITTEE SUGGESTS SUSPENSION OF GPU'S LICENSE - Harrisburg City Council's Ad Hoc Committee on the TMI Evacuation has asked the NRC to suspend GPU's license to operate TMI. The request was made, according to committee chairman Jane Perkins, because no approved plan exists to evacuate city residents should a nuclear emergency occur at the plant. A letter to NRC Reactor Chief Harold Denton asks that GPU be prevented from restarting Unit 1 until all municipalities in the counties surrounding TMI have adopted emergency plans. Currently, only 16 of 36 municipalities have such plans.

MAYBE THEY'RE BOTH RIGHT - Countering a charge from former TMI worker William Pensyl that "contamination of (TMI workers') arms, legs and bodies is commonplace," GPU spokesman Gordon Tomb said Radiation exposures to TMI workers "average less than those at normal operating plants."

BE THE "HALF-LIFE OF THE PARTY" - A bogus advertisement running on local rock station FM104 for the **TMI Cocktail** ("the official drink of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission") says the brew, made with Susquehanna River water, will make you the "half-life" of the party.

JACK ANDERSON SAYS WELDS AT TMI MAY BE UNSAFE - Unqualified welders out of a boilermakers union in Pittsburgh worked at TMI and other nuclear plants around the country, according to syndicated columnist Jack Anderson. He also reports that Nunzio Palladino has come up with a way to make it harder to bring charges of shoddy workmanship or poor design late in the nuclear plant licensing process. Such charges have been a significant factor in delaying plant licensing, Anderson reports.

U.S. FOUND NEGLIGENT IN A-TESTS - On May 10 a Federal district judge ruled the U.S. government was guilty of negligence in the way it conducted above-ground nuclear tests in the 1950s and caused nine people to die of cancer. Former Interior Secretary Stewart Udall said the decision, which marks the first time the government has been held responsible for irradiating civilians, "makes it easier for citizens to gain redress." This is also the first time a court has ruled that low-level radiation causes damage. It is expected to spur appeals from the military's "atomic veterans," many of whom have had cases denied by the Veterans Administration on the grounds that low-level radiation does not cause harm.

PRECEDENT SET IN NEW JERSEY NUKE CASE - A state appeals court dismissed a suit brought by southern New Jersey residents who claimed a nuclear power plant was responsible for local property damage. But the three-judge panel established a precedent by citing the Silkwood case to say property owners can sue in state court for damages allegedly caused during the normal operations of a nuclear reactor.

FORKED RIVER: GOING, GOING, GONE - GPU and Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L) will be selling off equipment for its terminated Forked River nuclear plant at an auction slated for June 19-21. The reactor pressure vessel, steam generators, pumps, motors, turbines, valves and circuit breakers will all be sold "regardless of price."

JCP&L CENTRAL TO REBATE \$20 TO RATEPAYERS - In a move designed to shift more of the burden for the TMI accident to shareholders, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) ordered JCP&L (a 25% owner of TMI) to rebate \$20 to each of the company's 720,000 ratepayers.

PUC BACK TO FULL STRENGTH - With the confirmation of former state representative William R. Shane and former Allentown mayor Frank Fischl, the state Public Utility Commission regained its full complement of five members. After his confirmation, Shane said he hoped to change the image of the PUC by bringing "a bit more balance in the direction of consumers."

UTILITY INVESTORS GET THE MESSAGE - The May newsletter of the American Society of Nuclear Investors urged its members to write Washington to urge restart of TMI. We'll tell you what they're telling their members: "We can't do it alone. If you've never written before -- write now. If you've written before -- write again. The length of your letter is not critical. It need only be two or three sentences, but it does register your concern." Now do you know how important your letters and calls are? Today? Please?

WE DON' HAVE SPACE to run the coupon from last issue, but funds are still needed to run the advertisement we announced. Enough people sent funds to place the ad in the Lancaster paper and you'll see it there soon. York and Harrisburg, come through with some more \$s and we'll get it in the Record and Patriot before the end of the month.

PIRC SUPPORTERS ARE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE - THANK YOU PLEDGERS AND OTHER CONTRIBUTORS FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO KEEP THE PIRC REPORT IN THE MAILS, THE PHONES IN THE OFFICE, AND THE OFFICE. WITHOUT YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT NONE OF THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE. THANKS ALSO FOR THE KIND WORDS. YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED. VOLUNTEERS GET LOVE TOO.

NATIONAL NUCLEAR ROUNDUP - The NRC rejected an application from the Long Island Lighting Co. (Lilco) to operate the Shoreham nuclear plant on May 16...A Library of Congress study of existing laws found that federal agencies have "no clear authority" to exercise police powers needed to hold evacuation drills around Shoreham...PP&L picked up some \$10 million worth of fuel for its Berwick reactor from the canceled Zimmer plant in Ohio...The Philadelphia Electric Co. announced the estimated cost of building Limerick 1 has jumped five percent or \$184 million...Connecticut Gov. William O'Neill signed into law a bill to prevent the state's two major utilities from passing along losses from the suspended Seabrook, N.H. power plant to customers...

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CALANDER ITEMS

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| July 20, Friday | Dauphin County Clean Air Task Force Meets. |
| July 24, Tuesday | Headlift scheduled for TMI Unit 2. |
| | TMIA Planning Council, 7:15 PM at the Friends Meetinghouse, 6th & Herr Sts, Hbg. |
| August 5, Sunday | Hiroshima-Nagasaki Observance
Tolling of bells by Hbg. downtown churches at 7:15.
7:30 PM Commemoration Service at Salem United Church of Christ, 231 Chestnut St., Hbg.
Poetry; music, refreshments following the service. |
| August 6, Monday | Exhibit at the Harrisburg City Government Center Atrium with presentation and proclamation by Mayor Reed. Films at 7:00 P.M. |
| August 7, Tuesday | TMIA Planning Council meets. Call office for details. |
| August 9, Thursday | Feature film "Testament" will be shown in local church as part of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Observance. Christ Presbyterian Church, Deerfield Road, Camp Hill Pa. 7:00 and 9:00 P.M.
TMI Advisory Panel on the Decontamination of Unit 2 meets at the Holiday Inn, 2nd & Chestnut Streets, Harrisburg. <u>Public Invited, 7PM.</u> |
| August 21, Tuesday | TMIA Planning Council, 7:15PM at the Friends Meetinghouse, 6th & Herr Sts, Hbg. |
| September 1, 2,3 | Labor Day Kipona activities at the River.
<u>TMIA fund raising activities. Call office to volunteer a couple hours of your time.</u>
(233-3072) |

*** TMIA VOLUNTEERS ARE WORKING FOR YOU !

Louise Bradford was the lone intervenor at the NRC, Atomic Safety Licensing Board Hearings July 16, 17 & 18 that reviewed the technical aspects of the TMI Unit 1 steam tube repairs.

TMIA has given financial support to Louise as it has taken many months of full-time preparation.

But Louise Bradford, representing Three Mile Island Alert Inc., which forced the public hearings, continued her second day of questioning safety aspects of the repair program.

In The News Today

**Unit 1 tube leaks fixed,
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The NRC Atomic Safety & Licensing Board has established a scheduled to reopen Management Hearings on three issues.

TMIA intervenors Joanne Doroshow and Louise Bradford with assistance from a Washington based group have started discovery requests and must complete responses and depositions by Sept. 30th. Hearings are scheduled for around November 1, 1984.

TMIA will again be the lone Central Pennsylvania group.
Financial contributions and volunteers are needed.

Scope of competence issues in operation of TMI-1 argued

B4—The Evening News, Harrisburg, Pa., Friday, June 29, 1984

The three citizen groups that have been involved in the case — TMI Alert Inc., the Union of Concerned Scientists and Norman and Marjorie Aamodt of Coatesville — generally asked for a broader examination of the three issues in the new hearing.

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1. Yes ___ No ___ I am concerned about the TMI Unit 2 clean-up.
2. Yes ___ No ___ I am willing to explore ways of increasing shared information as the clean-up progresses.
3. Yes ___ No ___ I am interested in assisting with future fund-raising. (TMIA or Legal Fund)
4. Yes ___ No ___ Quarterly membership meetings should be discontinued.
5. Yes ___ No ___ I like the current format and information articles in the combined editions of the ALERT & PIRC REPORT.
6. Yes ___ No ___ I would like to have more information on the business of TMIA and the activities of the TMIA Planning Council.
7. Yes ___ No ___ I'm a busy person and this is just one of my concerns.
8. Yes ___ No ___ Please notify me when the NRC Commissioners are prepared to vote on the restart of TMI Unit 1.
9. Comments and questions _____

Please send completed survey and comments to TMIA, 315 Peffer Street, Harrisburg, Pa., 17102.

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CALANDER ITEMS

- September 4, Tuesday TMIA Planning Council, 7:15 PM at the Friends Meetinghouse, 6th & Herr Sts, Hbg.
- September 7, Friday Nuclear Regulatory Commission meets in Wash. D.C. to discuss TMI Unit 1 restart.
- September 18, Tuesday TMIA Planning Council, 7:15 PM at the Friends Meetinghouse, 6th & Herr Sts., Hbg.
- September 19, Wednesday TMI Advisory Panel on the Decontamination of Unit 2 meets at the Holiday Inn, 2nd & Chestnut Sts, Hbg., 7 PM. Public Invited.
- October 3, Wednesday TMIA Theatre Benefit, Man of La Mancha, 8 PM, Harrisburg Community Theatre, \$9.00 a ticket. Call the TMIA & reserve tickets for you and your friends (233-3072 or 233-7897).

NEWS NOTES

- * A fact sheet on Krypton-85 is now available at the TMIA office. Krypton-85 is an odorless, colorless radioactive gas which is formed in the fuel pellets in the reactor core as a result of the fission process. Krypton-85 has a half-life of 10.7 years. GPUNuclear reports continuous venting of Krypton at about one curie a day.
- * A synopsis of the TMIA Petition for Revocation of the GPUN License as submitted to the NRC is available at the TMIA office. GPUN Corp. is the first and only NRC licensee ever criminally convicted of deliberately & systematically violating the very statute under which it holds a license, as well as the regulations which implement that statute, and the license itself.
- * A 32 page report from the Three Mile Island Public Health Fund summarizing the first two years is available at the TMIA office. The \$5 million was set up for the benefit of those people living or working within 25 miles of the damaged reactor. Disbursements from the Fund as of May, 1984 were \$451,992.00.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DRIVE

Your support is essential. Over 200 membership and subscription renewals are outstanding. That represents over \$3,000 in actual cash that is needed as TMIA makes a commitment to raise thousands of dollars for the reopened NRC Management Hearings.

TMIA continues to represent all the residents of Central Pa. A few dollars go a long way ! Our goal is 100% renewal by December 1st.

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GENERAL PUBLIC UTILITIES (GPU) HAS BEEN GUILTY OF CRIMINAL DISHONESTY FOR 6 YEARS. THEY "LACK THE REQUISITE CHARACTER" TO SAFELY OPERATE A NUCLEAR REACTOR. "CHARACTER" IS ONE OF THE FEW CRITERIA EXPRESSLY ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS IN THE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT FOR THE HOLDING OF A LICENSE.

- GPU:
- 1979 withheld information during the Unit 2 accident
 - 1981 operators & management personnel cheated on NRC exams
 - 1983 workers report deliberate circumventing of safety procedures on cleanup at Unit 2
 - 1983 fined \$140,000 for violating post-accident training requirements at Unit 1 and cheating
 - 1984 fined \$40,000 for failure to report a 1983 radiation release
 - 1984 pleads guilty in federal court to falsifying leak rates at TMI Unit 2 in 1978 (guilty to 1 count & no contest to six of an 11 count indictment).

... ACT NOW ...

WRITE AND PHONE GOV. DICK THORNBURGH, PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN, AND PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WALTER MONDALE. NOW IS THE TIME FOR PENNSYLVANIANS TO DECLARE THEIR VOTE IS TO REVOKE. URGE ALL THREE MEN TO PUBLICLY TAKE A POSITION AND NOTIFY THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION TO REVOKE GPU's LICENSE TO OPERATE TMI. REMIND THEM OF THE MAY 18, 1982 VOTE OF 66% OF THE VOTERS IN A THREE COUNTY AREA SURROUNDING TMI VOTED TO KEEP TMI UNIT 1 CLOSED FOREVER.

President Ronald Reagan, The White House, Washington D.C., 20500, or phone 1-202-456-7639.
Walter Mondale, 2201 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Wash. D.C., 20007, or phone 1-202-625-1600 (Attention: Tammy Stanton)
Gov. Dick Thornburgh, Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, Pa., 17120 or phone (717) 787-2500

Send a copy of your letter to Three Mile Island Alert, 315 Peffer Street, Harrisburg, Pa., 17102. For more information phone (717) 233-7897.

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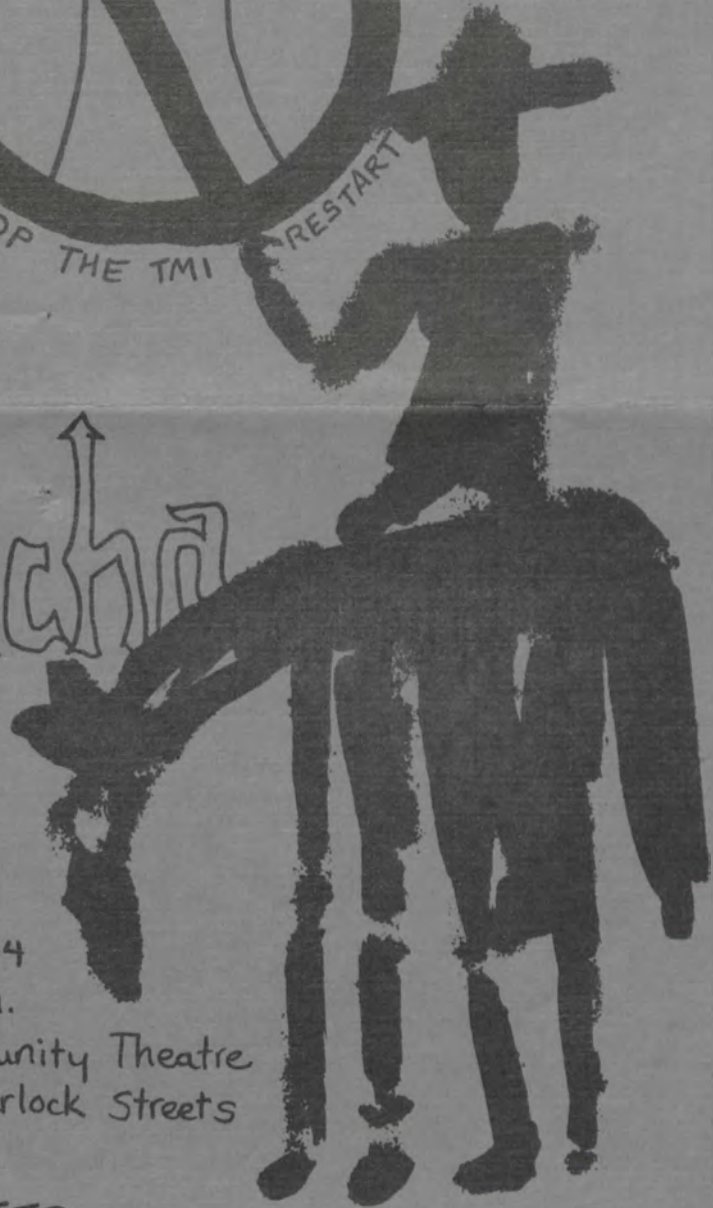
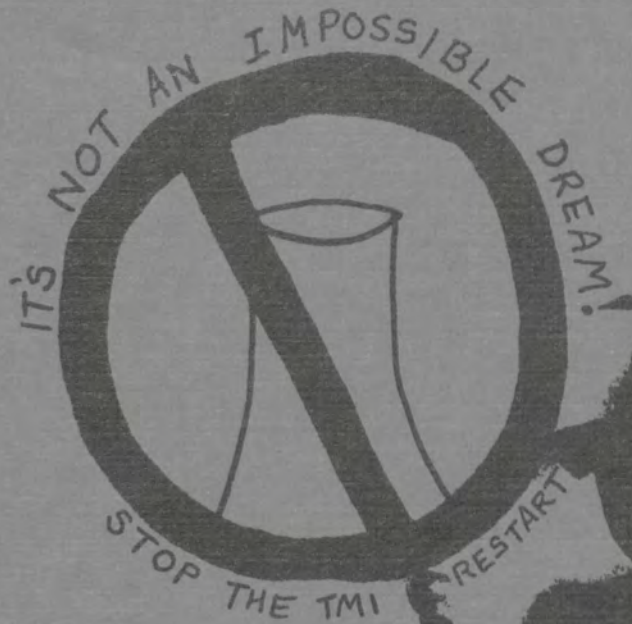
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An open letter from the TMIA Planning Council to the membership.

October 16, 1984

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest and support to keep the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plants closed down. Our booth at Kipona during the Labor Day weekend was a grand success with approximately 450 people signing a petition. The petition urges the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to revoke the license of GPU and sites the fact that GPU lacks the requisite character to safely operate a nuclear reactor.

A copy of this petition, with all signatures attached, was hand delivered to each member of the NRC at their Washington office on Friday, September 7, 1984. A copy was also delivered to Gov. Thornburgh and copies mailed to federal and state officials elected to represent South Central Pennsylvania.

TMIA is the group representing area residents in the reopened management hearings scheduled to begin November 15th in the Harrisburg area. Our intervenors (Lynn Bernabie, Louise Bradford & Joanne Doroshow) will now get a chance to put on the record the many instances in which GPU management showed their disregard for public safety and lack of integrity---the very essence of character which the Atomic Energy Act requires of a licensee.

We are pleased at this turn of events which was forced, we think, by the public's constant insistence on the truth. Your letters and phone calls make a difference.

But there is much to be done and large expenses to be paid as we come into this very critical phase of the battle. In order to raise the thousands of dollars needed in the next few months, several fundraising projects have been approved. The theatre benefit held October 3rd at the Harrisburg Community Theatre went very well and raised \$900 for the TMIA Intervention Fund. Your work and the broad support in the community was great. Thanks so much!

We are planning a Holiday Party for December 8th. Save the date. By mid November we will be organizing small house gatherings so friends, neighbors and relatives of members can gather in small groups, discuss TMI with an invited speaker and then feel called to contribute to the Intervention Fund.

Currently we continue our public presence by supplying speakers to community and school groups and setting up display tables at public gatherings. TMIA will have an information table at the East Mall October 19th and 20th.

The enclosed form on the reverse side is for your convenience and provides for membership renewal and/or intervention contribution. Please respond by renewing your membership, volunteering to help with a fundraising project or contributing to the intervention fund.

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CALENDAR ITEMS

October 23, Tuesday TMIA Planning Council, 7:15 PM at the Friends Meetinghouse, 6th & Herr Sts, Hbg.

November 6, Tuesday VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE
TMIA Planning Council, 7:15 PM, Friends Mtg.

November 8, Thursday TMI Advisory Panel on the Decontamination of Unit 2 meets in the Lancaster City Council Chambers, Public Safety Bldg., 201 N. Duke St., Lancaster, at 7 PM. Public is encouraged to attend. The Panel will be discussing health effects of TMI accident & current cleanup problems.

November 15, Thursday NRC Atomic Safety & Licensing Board starts TMI restart management hearings. Phone Kay at TMIA office for time and place. Plan to attend.

November 16, Friday TMI Advisory Panel is scheduled to meet with the NRC Commissioners in Washington, D.C.

November 20, Tuesday MEMBERSHIP MEETING Mark your calendar!!

December 8, Saturday TMIA Holiday Party! Bring friends !

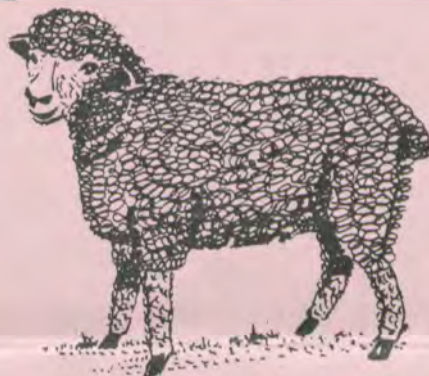
Additional items of interest

October 24, Wednesday United Nations Celebration, 7:30 PM at the Hbg. Friends Meetinghouse

November 11, Sunday The 1984 Concert for Humanity, Philadelphia, 8:30 PM for the benefit of the Pa. Campaign for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze. Tickets must be ordered. Phone Kay for more info.(2337897).

December 15, Saturday Christmas Peace Pilgrimage, a 10 mile walk from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Pa. Phone Kay for info.

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Hearings will reopen on management integrity issues in the TMI-1 Restart case, commencing at 1:30 PM on November 14, 1984 at the Senate Majority Caucus Room 156, Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, Pa. The hearing is expected to last for several weeks, and will continue the week of November 19 at 10 AM at the Library, Richard's Hall, University Center, 2986 North Second Street, Harrisburg, Pa. Hearings will normally take place each weekday, except Mondays, starting Tuesdays at 1:30 PM.

Three Mile Island Alert will represent the residents of Central Pennsylvania. TMIA is represented by Lynne Bernabei, of the Government Accountability Project, Joanne Doroshow and Louise Bradford. Other parties involved in the litigation are GPU, NRC Staff, Union of Concerned Scientists and possibly the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The first hearing issue will relate to the accuracy of information disseminated by Met Ed and GPU officials during the 1979 accident and its aftermath, particularly whether GPU President Herman Dieckamp sent a "Mailgram" containing false information to Congressman Morris K. Udall and the NRC Commissioners in May, 1979. Witnesses are expected to include top GPU management, former NRC Commissioners, and NRC investigators.

The second hearing issue concerns the adequacy of the training of licensed reactor operators at TMI-1, following earlier, post-accident cheating scandals.

Perhaps no TMI issue (the issue of reporting failures) has sparked more public controversy than whether GPU officials withheld important information from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the public, during the TMI 2 accident which began March 28, 1979.

ANNOUNCING

ATTEND NRC HEARINGS ON MANAGEMENT INTEGRITY ISSUES IN THE TMI-1 RESTART CASE !!!

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGTUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th7:30 PM

BRING A POTLUCK DISH FOR 6:30 PM SUPPER.

PLACE: Harrisburg Friends Meetinghouse, 6th & Herr Sts., Hbg.SPEAKER: Bruce Molholt, Ph.D., is a Geneticist who recently taught at Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges.TOPIC: Radioactive Releases during the TMI Accident and ensuing health effects of area residents.ELECTIONS: TMIA by-laws list 15 positions for the Planning Council. There are 12 positions open. If you would like to serve or would like to nominate someone, please phone Paul Lujanac (774-0253 H or 790-5570 W).

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Season's Greetings

PURCHASE YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS AT TMIA ! (Office open weekdays)

New-----Calendars for 1985 "Can't Kill the Spirit" from the Syracuse Cultural Workers Project for only \$6.75.

T-shirts-"No, Is a Nuclear Reaction", black letters in white box on red T-shirt designed just for us by a Madison Ave. friend, plus several other designs for only \$5.00.

NEWLY ELECTED PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS Joel Roth, Susan Mitchell, Brian Hunt, Nan Wenger (Secretary), Randy Smedley, Charles Leising, Vera Stuchinski (Chairperson), join Bev Davis, Kay Pickering and Paul Lujanac (Treasurer). The Planning Council meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month unless otherwise designated. The Planning Council will meet January 8th and 22nd, 7:15 PM at the Harrisburg Friends Meetinghouse, 6th & Herr Sts., Hbg.

SEND HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ELECTED OFFICIALS

Enclose a personal note about the restart of TMI Unit 1. Remind them that GPU lacks the requisite character to safely operate a nuclear reactor and that provisions of the Atomic Energy Act provide for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to revoke their license. You may want to cite the following facts:--current hearings again point to the fact that GPU withheld information during the Unit 2 accident;--1981 operators & management personnel cheated on NRC exams;--1983 workers report deliberate circumventing of safety procedures on cleanup of Unit 2;--1984 fined \$40,000 for failure to report a 1983 radiation release;--1984 pleads guilty in federal court to falsifying leak rates at TMI Unit 2 in 1978. Also mention the current grand jury investigation in Wash.D.C.

WRITE TO: Senators Arlen Specter & John Heinz, U.S. Senate, Wash.D.C., 20510; Congressmen George Gekas & Wm. Goodling, House of Representatives, Wash.D.C. 20515; Gov. Dick Thornburgh, Main Capitol Bldg., Hbg., 17120; and the NRC Commissioners Attn Chairman Palladino, Wash.D.C., 20555.

TMIA MUST IMMEDIATELY RAISE \$2,000 TO PAY FOR LEGAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NRC HEARINGS. While we can keep our legal costs relatively low, we must have your help in order to win!

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Face-off by TMI foes

The latest round of management hearings has produced an abundance of conflicting testimony, long stretches of memory lapse, and frequent debates and objections concerning the scope of testimony. Some of the substance of the hearings has been lost in preliminary arguments and technical jargon, but for the most part the hearing has produced positive results for TMIA.

(SEE PAGE ONE OF THE PIRC REPORT FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE NRC HEARING CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN HARRISBURG BY THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD.)

GPU maintains that given the evidence they had on March 28, 1979, there is no feasible way they could have evaluated the pressure spike to indicate a hydrogen explosion and other associated core conditions. GPU produced three technical witnesses (Lowe, Zebrowski and Von Wytbeck) to buttress their argument. What is interesting is that not one of their witnesses was on the Island the day of the accident.

Also, Herman Dieckamp testified that he believes the mailgram, sent to Congressman Udall several weeks after the accident, is still correct and accurate. He still has a memory void as to how and where he spent the afternoon on March 28, 1979. Evidence was produced that he lied to the Pa. Public Utility Commission on the morning of March 28, 1979, concerning radiation releases at TMI.

TMIA has produced a series of witnesses who have substantially discredited GPU's argument. Joe Chwastyk, a control room operator, testified he interpreted the pressure spike to indicate a hydrogen explosion just minutes after it occurred. He relayed the information to Gary Miller, Station Superintendent. Miller testified December 5th that he does not recall the conversation. Another plant operator, Theodore Illjes, testified in 1979 and '80 that hydrogen was discussed the evening of March 28, 1979. In the current hearing he has retracted his earlier testimony. Yet another operator, Brian Mehler, remembered being aware of the pressure spike and actions taken as a result of it.

The man who conducted the investigation for the NRC (document entitled NUREG 0760), Norman Mosely, claims these men gave credible testimony except about the pressure spike. As to their knowledge of the pressure spike and its' significance, Mosley claims they must have been mistaken. NUREG 0760 exonerated Herman Dieckamp and the company. TMIA witness David Gamble, a former investigator for the NRC, testified as to the misconduct associated with NUREG 0760 in connection with the investigation including that of Mr. Mosley.

Other witnesses produced by TMIA include Jack Herbine, George Kunder, two senior corporate engineers & 6 individuals who have indicated they knew of the hydrogen explosion March 28, 1979.

The second phase of the hearings will deal with the adequacy of GPU's training program for TMI Unit 1 as the Union of Concerned Scientist becomes the lead intervenor with TMIA represented by Louise Bradford.

IT'S TIME FOR ACTION!

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