

TMIA: THREE MILE ISLAND ALERT

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Your TMIA Newsletter May, 1979

We are successfully making it clear that many of us do not want to live in the shadow of any nuclear power reactor. More and more people firmly are saying they will not live in the shadow of a nuclear reactor. There is much to be done before they are closed down forever. YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!!!

This NEWSLETTER is designed to give you specific information so you can act on those issues or concerns most important to you and your family.

The volunteers and staff at the TMIA office need your input, your ideas, your time and energy. Those people who routinely do the office work are: Chris Sayer, Louise Bradford, Joel Roth, Kay Pickering and Kirsten Moe. Call or come in.

Three Mile Island Alert was first organized two years ago. By-laws were developed and elections took place in April, 1978. The current Coordinator is Bill Vastine; Treasurer, Lee Musselman; Recorder, Joy Miller. Incorporation papers have been filed with the Commonwealth. Financing the operation of the organization has always been a problem and is increasing due to the enormity of the demands since the TMI accident March 28th.

YOU have helped collect over 20,000 signatures on petitions. (Petitions were duplicated and presented to Senators Heinz & Schweiker and Rep. Ertel in Washington, May 7th) YOU made it possible for 4,000 Central Pennsylvanians to lead the March in Washington May 6th. YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN!



active today ... or radioactive tomorrow

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 22 PUC Hearing, 10am, North Office BLDG., Rm.1.
HACC-TMI Lecture Series, "Who Pays-The Economic Consideration of TMI", Rep. Steve Reed, Mark Widoff, former Pa. Consumer Advocate, 7:30pm, Student Center.

May 23 PUC Hearing, 10am, North Office BLDG., Rm.1.
Susquahanna Township Community meeting, 9pm at the Township Building.
ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM, 7:30pm, Allen Jr. High, 4225 Gettysburg Rd., Camp Hill, speakers-Clifford Jones, Sec. of Pa. Dept. of Environmental Resources and Mark Widoff, Former Pa. Consumer Advocate.
Environmental Exhibits by organizations & State agencies open at 6pm. TMIA exhibit is planned.

MAY 24 DEBATE, Judy Johnsrud vs PP&L officials in Allentown, CoChaired by Environmental Coalition on Nuclear Power, Sponsored by Sierra Club, Contact Sarah Bramson, 966--3148.

****HEALTH RESOURCES PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC HEARINGS

2:30 to 4:30 pm
6:30 to 8:00 pm
Tues. (5/22) at Galery Lounge, Capitol Campus
Wed. (5/23) at Columbia, 10th & Manor Sts (Fire House)
Thurs.(5/24) at the Sheraton

****LEAFLET AT THE ARTS FESTIVAL

MAY 29 PUC Hearing, 10am, North Office Bldg. Rm. 1
TMI-HACC Lecture Series, "TMI: The Decisions That Can Be Made", Rep. Allen Ertel, State Sen. George Gekas, State Rep. Bernard O'Brien (Ch. House Committee on Mines & Energy), Rep. Eugene Geesey, at the Student Center, HACC.

****STATEWIDE RALLY AT THE CAPITOL MAY 30, WEDNESDAY

PUC Hearing, 10am, North Office Bldg. Rm. 1
Last day of hearings. Last chance, write, phone, testify!!!!

RALLY ON THE CAPITOL STEPS 12 (noon) to 1pm.
SPEAKERS, SPEAKERS, SPEAKERS

AN APPOINTMENT WITH GOV. DICK THORNBURG HAS BEEN REQUESTED

Visit your Senator and or Representative.

TMIA will be the host organization. It is important that as many people as possible attend the entire days activities!!

You Will Make It Happen!

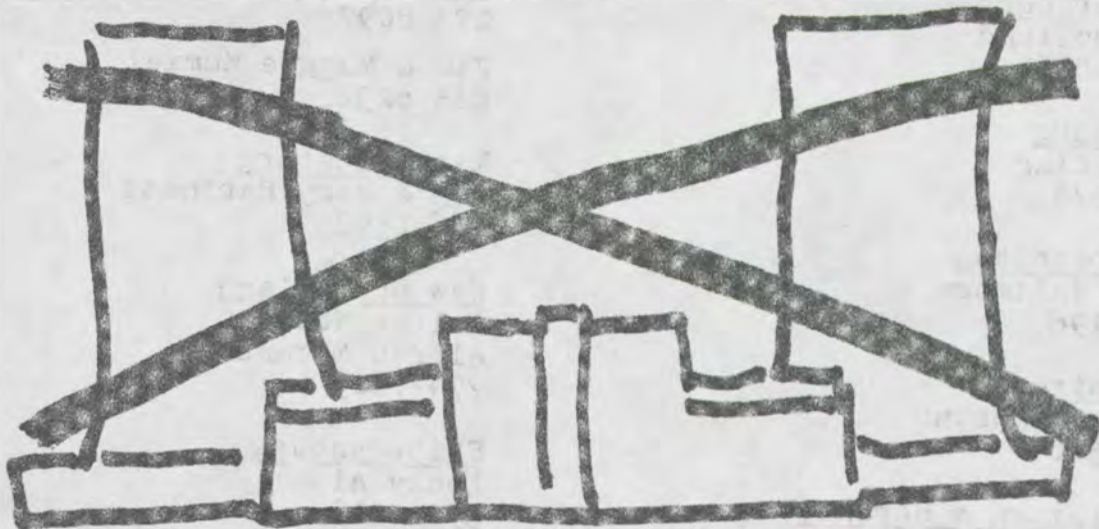
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MAY 31 HACC-TMI Lecture Series, "The Role of the Media in TMI", Bob Livengood and Bob Becker, 7:30pm, Student Center.

PERRY COUNTY GROUP MEETS MONDAY, MAY 28th, 7:30pm. Call Larry & Ann Miller (582-2875) for more information.

**RALLY TO STOP THE
BERWICK NUCLEAR PLANT**



**JUNE 3, 12-4:00 PM
AT CONSTRUCTION SIT**

Pennsylvania Power & Light (PP&L) is building two General Electric Boiling Water Reactors (BWR) six miles north of Berwick, Pa. They are scheduled to begin operation in 1981 and 1983. The plant is located on Rt. 11.

SPEAKERS ### ENTERTAINMENT ###ALTERNATIVE ENERGY DISPLAYS
MARCH TO PLANT SITE FOR BALLOON RELEASE#### SPONSORED BY
The Susquehanna Alliance, P.O. Bos 249, Lewisburg, Pa., 17837

TMIA WILL HAVE BUSES GOING TO BERWICK
TICKETS \$4.00 ### MEET AT CITY ISLAND 10:00am

PHONE THE TMIA OFFICE 233-7897 FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR STOP BY, 315 Peffer Street, Hbg., FOR TICKETS.

PEOPLE ORGANIZING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

GET INVOLVED IN A COMMUNITY GROUP!! PHONE PHONE!!

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IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS GET IN TOUCH WITH THE COMMUNITY
GROUP COORDINATOR, KIRSTEN MOE (H) 232-8879 or call the office
233-7897.

Have you written to Gov. Thornburgh within the last two weeks; your Senators and Representatives?? KEEP THE MAIL FLOWING !

If you were unable to appear before the Presidential Commission, by all means write:
Presidential Commission on the Accident at TMI
2100 M Street, NW
Suite 714
Washington, DC 20037.

The Pa. House Consumer Affairs Committee is presently considering several bills regarding rate hikes for the utilities. Phone their staffperson, Christine Dixon (783-5332) or come into the TMIA office(233-7897). *****

LEGISLATION

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUC TASK FORCE

Senator Franklin Kury has scheduled a Consumer Affairs Committee nomination hearing for Wednesday, May 30th to consider the nomination of Robert Bloom to the PUC. Gov. Thornburg has nominated Bloom to another 10 year term to the PUC where he has been the leading anti-consumer, pro-utility voice for the past 10 years. We urge individuals to attend the hearing. If you can attend and would like more information, call Jim McGee (238-2314) or phone the office (233-7897).

PRICE-ANDERSON ACT or Nuclear Accident Non-insurance.

In 1957, the government was eager to have the private sector take over its nuclear power program. However, the private insurance industry refused to fully underwrite the liability of any catastrophe that might occur. Nevertheless, the federal government decided to underwrite the nuclear industry by enacting the Price-Anderson Act.

The Price-Anderson Act has effectively insulated the industry from the liability and risk that are inherent in any business venture. Under the Price-Anderson Act, the nuclear industry is neither financially responsible nor accountable for its decisions.

The Price-Anderson Act presently limits the liability of the industry to \$560 million. In essence, the federal government imposed an artificial ceiling on the entire nuclear industry's liability costs. In the event of an accident, the estimated cost of the damage ranges from \$14 billion (Rasmussen Report) to \$35 billion (1976 GAO report). Presently, only \$560 million can be recovered. As illustrated by the Three Mile Island accident, had there been a disastrous radiation leakage, the public would have recovered only between 3 percent and 20 percent of their losses. Suits filed within two weeks of the accident involve claims of more than the \$560 million limit.

In addition, the Price-Anderson Act places a limit of 20 years on the application for compensation. This is of particular concern because the effects of radiation may not be known to an individual until after the 20 years have elapsed.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR CONGRESS TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION ON INSURANCE LIABILITY FOR THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY.

Rep, Theodore Weiss (D-NY) has introduced legislation (HR 789) that would end the limit on financial liability for damage to citizens injured by a nuclear accident. This bill also removes the 20 year limit on application for compensation.

WRITE, PHONE AND GO SEE YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AT THEIR LOCAL OFFICE OR IN WASHINGTON----House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.. 20515.

There are a number of other Bills supportive of the anti-nuke movement. The Nuclear Energy Reappraisal Act (HR 366) introduced in the House by Rep. Hamilton Fish (R-NY) would halt, if adopted, the issuance of construction permits for new nuclear power plants for 5 years while a thorough study of the entire nuclear fuel cycle is conducted by the Office of Technology Assessment.

*** TMIA requests contributions for the JUNE NEWSLETTER. *****
We are still in the process of indexing our mailing list. HELP !

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