

THREE MILE ISLAND

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State OKs Evaporation

On August 3 the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) granted GPU an exemption from their usual air quality permit requirements, allowing the evaporation and vaporization of 2.3 million gallons of radioactive water. The DER determined the expected particulate and radioactive releases were within their limits and said the waiving of the requirements was an "appropriate" action. DER set strict operational requirements on the evaporation process and if GPU violates the agreement, they will be required to go through the formal air quality permitting process.

On August 29 Frances Skolnick, the Susquehanna Valley Alliance, Concerned Mothers and Women, People Against Nuclear Energy and TMIA appealed DER's decision to the Environmental Hearing Board.

Greenpeace Urges Opposition

Bush Nominates Stello for Energy Post

President Bush has nominated Victor Stello, Jr. to be Assistant Secretary of Defense Programs at the Department of Energy (DOE). In that position, Stello (until his nomination the Executive Director of Operations at the NRC) would be responsible for both the operation and clean up of all DOE bomb factories. He would also sit on the Nuclear Weapons Council, a small inter-departmental group which makes decisions on the size and composition of the U.S. nuclear arsenal.

Stello supervised the NRC's investigation of the TMI accident, but failed to report information about test data being falsified, later explaining his delaying the release of this information by saying that an investigation would be bad for operator morale.

Stello, according to Greenpeace, "consistently subverted, undermined, impaired, and otherwise interfered with the independent investigating arm of the NRC; repeatedly placed the interests of the utilities and the nuclear industry ahead of the public and the environment," and "deliberately weakened safety regulations governing reactor operations." Greenpeace further says, "Letting Victor Stello run the DOE bomb factories would be like giving the Joker control of Gotham city."

Confirmation hearings are slated to begin in mid-September. TMIA members are urged to write Senators Heinz and Specter and urge them to vote NO on Stello. Write:

The Honorable _____
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Halloween Party Flyer Enclosed - If you didn't receive one, call 233-7897. This year's party will be October 28 at 9PM at the Rescue Fire House, 6th St. Harrisburg.

A RED X INDICATES
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TMIA Membership
Meeting
September 28

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Rainforest Action Committee Plans Rally

The Rainforest Action Committee is using the Ride Across America as a spring board for local environmental groups to participate in a parade and rally on the Capitol steps. Rider Lucian Spataro will be met Wednesday, September 20, 1989 at 10:30 a.m. on the south end of City Island. The parade will include the Redland Marching Band, children from local schools, mounted horsemen and city government officials.

Senator John Heinz and nationally-known environmentalists will address the crowd at noon on the Capitol steps. This coordinated effort will focus on the enactment of legislation for a clean, healthy environment.

TMIA will participate in the parade using the organizational banner. Please phone Kay at the office (233-7897) if you can march or help carry the banner.

Rainforest Action Committee Slates Benefit

The Rainforest Action Committee is planning a benefit "Party for the Future," on Saturday, September 23, 1989, 1-8:30 p.m. at the Postal Employees Rod and Gun Club, Roberts Valley Road (travelling north, turn right off Front Street after the Rockville Bridge), Harrisburg. Donation is \$15 per adult. Children under 16 free. Music, food & fun. For more information phone 233-3040.

Elections on Agenda for September 28 TMIA Membership Meeting

TMIA organizational elections for officers and Planning Council members will be held Thursday, September 28, at the membership meeting, beginning at 7:15 p.m. at the Harrisburg Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr Streets, Harrisburg. Frances Skolnick, lead intervener on the evaporation proceeding, will be the guest speaker. Skolnick will discuss the status of the TMI radioactive water and the proposed evaporation.

Invitations are being extended to members of other local safe energy groups (TMI Legal Fund), Susquehanna Valley Alliance, Concerned Mothers and Women, and People Against Nuclear Energy).

Deborah Baker has been proposed as Chairperson of TMIA and Betsy Robinson's name has been put forward for Treasurer. Planning Council nominees are Dan Welliver, Cherie Friedrich, Bill Cologie, Paul Lujanac, Vera Stuchinski, Eric Epstein, and Kay Pickering. Also to be elected are a vice chairperson, a secretary and some additional Planning Council members. Nominations may be made from the floor and are encouraged.

Picnic A Huge Success

The TMIA Camp Reily Picnic was a huge success. Our thanks to all the many people who helped and those who attended. The music was enjoyable, the food delicious, and it was great to visit with old friends.

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September 20 10:30 a.m. Rainforest Action Committee walk to the Capitol steps, begins at City Island (see article above).

September 21 7-10 p.m. TMI Advisory Panel, Holiday Inn, 2nd & Chestnut Streets. Harrisburg. Public comment invited.

September 28 7:15 p.m. TMIA Membership Meeting, Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts. Frances Skolnick is speaking, elections scheduled (see article above).

October 7 HOUSING NOW! march on Washington. Phone Kay at 233-7897 for bus reservation forms.

October 13-14 Harrisburg Community Fair at Harrisburg East Mall. TMIA table needs volunteers to help with the table. Call Deb Baker at 233-7897.

October 28 9 p.m. TMIA's Annual Halloween Party at the Rescue Fire House on N.6th St. See flyer.

Please renew your membership, then give more to support TMIA activities

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Address _____ **ZIP** _____

Intervention Fund Contribution: \$10 \$20 \$50 \$100 MORE (Checks in the amount of \$50 or more can be made payable to the TMI Legal Fund for tax deduction purposes.)

Membership: _____ \$15 Regular Members _____ \$50 Sustaining Membership
_____ \$25 Non-Profit Organization _____ \$100 Patron
_____ \$5 Low Income/Student _____ \$200 Club Member
_____ \$5 Non-member newsletter subscription

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