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Ms. Annette Vietta-Cook
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US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001
Attn.: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

Dear Ms. Vietta-Cook;

I am writing this in reference to the following: Petition for Rulemaking filed by Lawrence T. Christian (Docket No. PRM-50-79).

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, is one of only a hand full of counties which is within the Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) of two nuclear power plants: Three Mile Island and Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station. As Coordinator of Emergency Management, I would support the need for pre-school and day care centers to have radiological emergency readiness plans.

Over the years, our agency has taken a proactive approach to all hazards planning and provides assistance and support in the review of day care plans. Our staff will go out and assist day care centers in identifying shelter areas for tornadoes, etc. We have attempted to identify known day cares and have included their names and contact numbers as part of the county and municipal Radiological Plans, but we recognize that we may not be aware of all within the 10 mile EPZ. If an event occurs at either plant, we want to be able to notify the management of known day cares as quickly as possible and keep them in the information flow loop.

I recognize that parents and guardians would desire to get their children in an emergency situation. As with the schools in the area, host locations should be identified for parents to pick up their children. The logistics for such an evacuation also will pose a concern. I do not have a readily available resource for the number of child safety or infant seats which may be required to safely do an evacuation. Assistance from the facility, utility, and government will be needed to coordinate the safe movement of these young children.

Due to the increasing popularity of these day care centers and the number of children which may be involved, I feel that increased preparation and planning is appropriate. As always, I feel that any such planning has to be done in the interest of "all

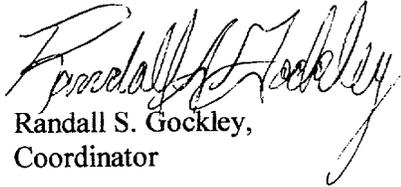
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hazards" and not just for a radiological emergency. Many of the concepts for ~~the~~ radiological plan will be utilized for any type of natural or man-made emergency.

Thank you very much for allowing my comments on this very important issue.

Sincerely,



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c: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners