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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS:

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ORDER

The Commission has begun a wide-ranging investigation into all aspects of the Three Mile Island accident. This investigation will be one of the major vehicles by which the Commission will seek to uncover the causes of that accident and to prevent similar accidents. In order to assure the effectiveness of the investigation it is essential that the investigators have access to every potential source of data that may be relevant to their work, and it is equally essential that those potential sources be retained until such time as the investigators can decide what lines of inquiry to follow and what data they need.

Accordingly, under the authority of sections 161(c) and 161(o) of the Atomic Energy Act, 42 USC 2201(c) and (o), the Commission hereby orders the preservation of such records. Until further order all records that may be related to the accident at Three Mile Island, or to understanding of all events incident thereto, shall be preserved intact by persons in possession of such records including, but not limited to, Metropolitan Edison Company (the licensee), General Public Utilities (its holding company), Babcock & Wilcox Company (the reactor vendor) and their consultants, agents and employees. Other reactor vendors, utilities, corporations, and laboratories who participated in the joint remedial efforts which commenced during and immediately after the accident and the consultants, agents and employees of any of the above are to preserve all

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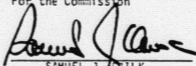
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similar records for the period commencing March 28 and continuing through April 30, 1979. Agencies of the United States and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who assisted in those efforts are requested to preserve any similar records in their possession. The term "records" is used broadly and is meant to encompass all sources of data including, but not limited to, reports, memoranda, engineering analyses, experimental results, lists of references consulted, telephone memoranda, preliminary drafts of any record, and any similar potential source of information whether formal or informal. These records are to be preserved intact until they are released either by the Commission's investigative authorities as authorized hereafter or by subsequent order of the Commission.

The Director of the Commission's Special Investigation of Three Mile Island is authorized to interpret this Order and to authorize exceptions to it. The Director or the Acting Director shall bring to our attention any violations of this Order or similar matters believed to require our attention.

It is so ORDERED.

For the Commission



SAMUEL J. CHILK  
Secretary of the Commission

Dated at Washington, DC,  
this 22nd day of May, 1979.

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