

Three Mile Island Alert Inc.

TMI-1 Relicensing: *Cleanup postponed, jobs decline, waste increases*

(Harrisburg, Pa.: October 22, 2009) - The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's approval of a license extension at Three Mile Island ("TMI") Unit-1 further delays the decontamination and decommissioning of Three Mile Island Unit-2 the site of a core meltdown in March 1979.

Eric Epstein, Chairman of TMI-Alert, stated, "At this rate, TMI-2 won't be cleaned up until the next century. Relicensing adds another 600 metric tons of radioactive waste on the Island in addition to the 1,000 metric tons of toxic garbage Unit-1 has generated since 1974." TMI also stores low-level radioactive waste on site since Barnwell's closing in 2008.

Mr. Epstein added, "TMI continues to reduce staffing and has slashed 284 jobs over the last ten years. I just hope we have enough money and trained staff in place in 2034 to clean up TMI-1, TMI-2, and 1,600 tons of radioactive waste."

Year	Exelon	+	Contractor	= Total Number of Employees
• 1998:				804
	Source: GPU Nuclear.			
• 1999:				704
	Source: AmerGen.			
• 2000:	579		65	644
	Source: AmerGen.			
• 2001:	517		81	598-618
	Source: AmerGen.			
• 2002:	532- 540		103	643
	Source: AmerGen.			
• 2003:				550
	Source: AmerGen.			
• 2005:				620
	Source: <i>Press & Journal</i> , September, 2005.			
• 2006:				520
	Source: According to the "Top 50" list the <i>Patriot News</i> published on July 2, 2006, Exelon's staffing numbers were listed at 520.			
• 2008:				525
	Source: US NRC GEIS. (p. 2-49) The NRC also stated that no new employees would be added as a result of the license extension. (p 4-19)			

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