

# Residents try to prevent start-up at 3 Mile Island

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WASHINGTON — Neighbors of Three Mile Island, seeking to prevent restarting of the nuclear plant, have urged the Supreme Court to spare them from reliving the anguish they experienced following the nation's worst nuclear accident.

A lawyer for residents around the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant told the justices Tuesday that the community had suffered severe mental distress after the March 1979 accident.

"Restart brings with it the psychological reality of another accident," William Jordan said. "A traumatized population is

now facing the possibility of another accident."

Jordan is asking the justices to uphold a lower court ruling requiring the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to weigh neighbors' fears of recurring catastrophe before allowing a start-up of the undamaged reactor at the plant near Harrisburg, Pa.

Metropolitan Edison Co. wants to put one of the reactors back to work generating electricity. Both reactors at the island have been shut down since reactor No. 2 was so seriously damaged that radiation leaked into the air.

Under questioning by Justice Lewis Powell, Jordan said the mere knowledge the plant was running — even without visible evidence — would be traumatic.

Last May, nearby residents voted overwhelmingly against reopening the reactor.

But the government's lawyer, Paul Bator, argued that anxiety produced by fear of environmental harm is not the kind of environmental ill the NRC is required to review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The NRC has postponed indefinitely a decision on reopening the plant until the Supreme Court decides the case, probably

some time this spring.

Bator contends the government should weigh psychological concerns only when it directly alters the environment, which is not the case at Three Mile Island.

Some justices were uncertain about exactly what he meant.

"Is it because, in this instance, it has been concluded (starting the reactor) is safe to physical health?" Justice Sandra Day O'Connor asked.

Bator replied that, "When it is clear there are actual changes in water, land or air that directly propagate mental health changes, emotional stress may be considered."

## Bankruptcies hit farmers

# Grain elevators studied

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WASHINGTON — Farmers have lost millions of dollars worth of grain because the current bankruptcy laws do not protect them if the grain elevators storing their grain go broke, a Nebraska congresswoman testified Tuesday.

Rep. Virginia Smith, R-Neb., told a House subcommittee that there were 177 grain elevator insolvencies, many of which ended in bankruptcy, during a six-year period which ended in 1981.

"Producers had lost between \$25-\$50 million because their assets were not properly protected," she said. "Since that time there have been some 25 other elevators that have gone bankrupt."

"Millions of dollars more have been lost to grain producers because the present bankruptcy laws are not sufficiently

explicit about the status of assets such as grain when farmers have merely stored the grain in elevators without transferring the title to the grain operator," she said.

Smith is a cosponsor of a one of several bills introduced in Congress that would give grain producers a priority position in the distribution of assets involved in a bankruptcy.

Another co-sponsor is Rep. Bill Emerson, R-Mo., whose district includes the Ristine, Mo., elevator whose bankruptcy drew nationwide attention when Puxico, Mo., farmer Wayne Cryts withdrew 33,000 bushels of his soybeans from it in July 1981 in violation of a Little Rock, Ark., federal judge's order.

The warehouse was one of 11 owned by a bankrupt Corning, Ark., company, and the judge ruled the soybeans were part of

the firm's assets under federal bankruptcy law.

Cryts, who has been found in civil contempt, is scheduled to testify at a March 14, Kansas City, Kan., meeting of the subcommittee.

"More and more of our farm producers are finding themselves held hostage by the bankruptcy process," Emerson said.

"In fact, it has been said that the failure of the law to adequately protect the farmer whose grain becomes entangled in an elevator bankruptcy has jeopardized the integrity of the nation's entire grain storage system," he said.

Agriculture official Ed Hews told the House Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Grain Elevator Bankruptcy that the department was setting up plans to ensure that farmers would not lose under the program — where farmers

are paid surplus commodities to stop producing crops — if an elevator went bankrupt.

"The need for creative thought and sound solutions to this problem is especially urgent in the wake of the recently announced payment-in-kind program," said Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Kan. and subcommittee chairman.

"Under this program, farmers may be given ownership to grain stored in elevators that are far from their own farms and with whose management practices they are not familiar," he said. "If this program is to have a chance at working, farmers must have confidence in the elevators where their commodities are stored."

The subcommittee, appointed by Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, held a second hearing late Tuesday on the bankruptcy problem.

# Age suit 'blow' to states

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, dealing states a significant blow, ruled 5-4 Wednesday the federal government can enforce age bias protections for state and local government workers.

The decision was a victory for the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission, which had challenged a ruling that the federal age discrimination act could not be applied to state workers in Wyoming.

Justice William Brennan delivered the majority opinion, which held that extending federal anti-bias law to states was not "federal intrusion that might threaten their (states) 'separate and independent existence.'"

Wyoming had argued that federal age discrimination requirements interfere with traditional state functions. At issue was whether Wyoming could force a wildlife warden to retire.

The state's arguments were supported by four dissenting justices.

At the center of the age bias dispute is the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, which prohibits employers from discriminating on the basis of age against workers between 40 and 70. Congress in 1974 extended its protection to state and local government workers.

The case before the court was sparked by a Wyoming law that

permitted forced retirement for some state employees as early as age 55 and ordered mandatory retirement at 65.

The law was tested when Bill Crump, a district game division supervisor for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, was forced to retire at 55.

He filed a discrimination complaint with the commission, and it sued on his behalf, charging the Wyoming law violated federal regulations.



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