



The Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

March 27, 2020

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

As the United States continues to respond to the spread of COVID-19, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is keenly focused on ensuring life-line services like electric power are available throughout the Nation. Accordingly, we have been working with industry to reduce the impact of this crisis; focusing on sequestering control center personnel in generation, transmission and distribution facilities, and reducing any outage that may adversely impact citizens, regardless of cause.

Indeed, just last week the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency developed a list of "Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers," which included the electric industry to help State and local officials prioritize accessibility as they work to protect their communities. This was done in recognition of the industries that the electric power sector supports, which include medical and healthcare, telecommunications, information technology systems, defense food and agriculture, transportation and logistics, energy, water and wastewater, law enforcement, and public works.

It has come to my attention that the Limerick Nuclear Power Station in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, is due to begin refueling later this month. Approximately 1,500 engineers, skilled craftsmen, and other personnel will be required to conduct the refueling operations, which is scheduled to take 16 days. All of these workers are considered by DOE and DHS to be critical electric infrastructure workers who should be permitted by State and local authorities to travel to worksites to undertake the vital jobs. The operator of the Limerick plant is taking special measures to protect and monitor the health of these personnel, including pre-screening prior to refueling and daily screening of each individual once operations are underway. These measures are part of a larger effort to ensure that the refueling process goes forward safely and expeditiously to benefit the surrounding communities and the State as a whole.

I request any assistance you can offer to help the Limerick Nuclear Power Station avoid any delays in the refueling project, and will of course provide any assistance you need to help ensure that all of Pennsylvania's critical electric infrastructure remains fully operational during the crisis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Brouillette". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "B".

Dan Brouillette