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SUBJECT: NRC MAINTENANCE RULE BASELINE INSPECTION REPORT 50-289/98-04

Dear Mr. Langenbach:

This refers to the team inspection conducted on May 18 through 22, 1998, at the Three Mile Island Unit 1 (TMI-1) Nuclear Power Station. The purpose of the inspection was to review the implementation of the maintenance rule program under 10 CFR 50.65 at TMI-1. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection effort.

The team concluded that the requirements of the maintenance rule were being met at the TMI-1 nuclear generating station. Scoping, goal setting, and monitoring requirements were appropriately addressed. System engineers were knowledgeable of the rule. The plant safety assessment program for taking equipment out-of-service was appropriately utilized. Several extensive assessments, both internal and external, were conducted in an effort to ensure that regulatory requirements were being met. It was evident that considerable work had been expended to ensure that mechanisms were in place to provide effective controls of structures, systems and components within the maintenance rule program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely,

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