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Docket No.: 50-289

Metropolitan Edison Company
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Gentlemen:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 23 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-50 for the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1. This amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications in response to your requests dated September 4, 1975 and November 22, 1976.

This amendment revises the provisions in the Technical Specifications relating to the frequency at which a cow census will be performed and the location of one sampling station.

We have evaluated the potential for environmental impact of plant operation for each of these changes and our appraisals are summarized in an enclosure to this letter. We have determined that the amendment does not authorize a change in effluent types or total amounts nor an increase in power level, and will not result in any significant environmental impact. Having made this determination, we have further concluded that the amendment involves an action which is insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact and pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) that an environmental impact statement, or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

Since the amendment applies only to the environmental sampling locations, and to sampling frequencies, it does not involve significant new safety information of a type not considered by a previous Commission safety review of the facility. It does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident, does not involve a significant decrease in a safety margin, and therefore does not involve a significant hazards consideration. We have also concluded that there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by this action.

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A copy of the Federal Register Notice is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

- 1. Amendment No. 23 to DPR-50
- 2. Appraisal
- 3. Federal Register Notice

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