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In the Matter of
Metropolitan Edison Company, et al.
(Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1)
Docket No. 50-289

Dear Member of the Board:

This letter is to advise you that the Staff has issued Amendment No. 54 to Facility Operating License No. DRP-50 for the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1 (TMI-1). The amendment revises the Technical Specifications for the facility to require adherence, with certain exceptions, to an inservice inspection program in accordance with a more recent version of Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and Addenda as required by 10 CFR §50.55a(g). Relief from certain inservice inspection requirements is granted as is discussed in the Staff's supporting Safety Evaluation. Copies of the amendment and the Safety Evaluation are enclosed for your information.

Certain portions of the inservice inspection program, such as the hydrostatic test requirement for the waste gas disposal system and the hydrogen purge system, are arguably related to the issues that may be considered by the Board in this proceeding. However, the inspection of some systems is important during the current shutdown status, and this amendment will result in improved inspection of systems important to safety. Accordingly, the Staff has concluded that the issuance of this amendment is appropriate at this time. The Staff recognizes that the new inservice inspection requirements contained in this amendment will be subject to modification by the Board through its decisions in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: As stated

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