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

Dear Members of the Board:

This letter is to advise you that the Staff has issued Amendment No. 53 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-50 for Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1 (TMI-1). The amendment consists of upgrading the required qualification of the site Radiation Protection Manager. A copy of the amendment and the Staff's supporting Safety Evaluation is enclosed for your information.

The qualifications of the Radiation Protection Manager relate to issues that may be considered by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board in the hearing concerning the restart of TMI-1. However, these qualifications are also important during the current shutdown status, and, since this amendment will result in improved requirements, the Staff has concluded that the issuance of this amendment is appropriate at this time. Of course, these requirements will be subject to modification by the Board as a result of its decision in the proceeding concerning plant restart.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated

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