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Docket No. 50-289

Mr. R. C. Arnold  
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Dear Mr. Arnold:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 51 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 request dated April 14, 1977, and July 8, 1977, as amended by your letter of February 24, 1978.

This amendment revises the provisions in the Technical Specifications relating to limited term nonradiological environmental studies to be performed during the initial years of plant operation. The amendment deletes the requirements to perform certain limited term nonradiological environmental studies which have been completed. The purpose of these studies is to assess the impact of the plant on the aquatic flora and fauna, including bird mortality, in the near site environs. These studies and the assessment in the enclosed non-radiological Environmental Impact Appraisal show that the plant has a minimal impact on the biological species in the area of the station.

Since the amendment applies only to deletion of the requirement to perform certain nonradiological environmental studies that have been completed, 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. Furthermore, the amendment does not affect or relate to the unit restart which is being handled separately. 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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Sincerely,

Original signed by  
Robert W. Reid

Robert W. Reid, Chief  
Operating Reactors Branch #4  
Division of Operating Reactors

Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. **51** to DPR-50
2. Environmental Impact Appraisal
3. Notice/Negative Declaration

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Docketing and Service Section  
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SUBJECT: **THREE MILE ISLAND NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT NO. 1**

Two signed originals of the Federal Register Notice identified below are enclosed for your transmittal to the Office of the Federal Register for publication. Additional conformed copies ( 12 ) of the Notice are enclosed for your use.

- ☐ Notice of Receipt of Application for Construction Permit(s) and Operating License(s).
- ☐ Notice of Receipt of Partial Application for Construction Permit(s) and Facility License(s); Time for Submission of Views on Antitrust Matters.
- ☐ Notice of Availability of Applicant's Environmental Report.
- ☐ Notice of Proposed Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License.
- ☐ Notice of Receipt of Application for Facility License(s); Notice of Availability of Applicant's Environmental Report; and Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Facility License(s) and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing.
- ☐ Notice of Availability of NRC Draft/Final Environmental Statement.
- ☐ Notice of Limited Work Authorization.
- ☐ Notice of Availability of Safety Evaluation Report.
- ☐ Notice of Issuance of Construction Permit(s).
- ☐ Notice of Issuance of Facility Operating License(s) or Amendment(s).

☒ Other: **Notice of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Negative Declaration. Referenced documents have been provided PDR.**

**Division of Operating Reactors, ORB#4**  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosure:  
As Stated

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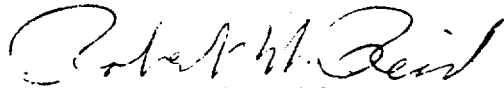
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert W. Reid".

Robert W. Reid, Chief  
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