

March 13, 2001

Mr. Mark E. Warner
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SUBJECT: TMI-1 - CORRECTION TO AMENDMENT NO. 229 RE: EXIGENT TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGE REQUEST NO. 309, NUCLEAR SERVICES RIVER WATER SYSTEM (TAC NO. MB1308)

Dear Mr. Warner:

The Commission issued Amendment No. 229 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-50 for the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (TMI-1), on February 23, 2001, in response to your application dated February 14, 2001, as supplemented February 16, and 19, 2001.

The amendment allowed a one-time exception to the system configuration and maintenance requirements in Technical Specification (TS) 3.3.2 related to the nuclear service river water (NR) system at TMI-1, in order to allow a proposed up to 14-day repair of a leaking underground concrete pipe. Compensatory actions 1-6 listed on page 5 of Enclosure 1 to your February 14, 2001, application were made a condition of Amendment No. 229.

On March 1, 2001, you provided a clarification of your intent with respect to implementing those compensatory actions. You stated that 2 of the 6 compensatory actions (items 1 and 2) listed under the heading, "Actions Required Prior to Cross Connecting SR [secondary service river water] and NR and Repairing Pipe," in your February 14, 2001, application, were intended to be prerequisites to repairing the pipe after cross-connecting the SR and NR systems, while the remaining 4 of 6 items were meant to be prerequisites to cross-connecting the systems. While this intent was clearly stated for the second compensatory action listed, it was not clearly stated for the first compensatory action listed. However, the preferable sequence of steps for implementing the first compensatory action demonstrates the intent of performing that compensatory action after the SR and NR systems are cross-connected, rather than before. In order to eliminate any potential confusion with respect to the sequence of performing the compensatory actions listed as conditions of approval of Amendment No. 229, we are reissuing the implementation page of the amendment with a corrected implementation date which is enclosed.

Additionally, your March 1, 2001, letter provided a clarification of the term "acceptably leak tight" with respect to your first compensatory action. You described the procedural inspections and verifications which would be performed both prior to and during the repairs to ensure that any leakage past the leak isolation valves would neither adversely impact the ability of the coolers supplied by NR to continue to be able to cool their components nor adversely impact

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repairs or personnel safety. The above clarifications are accepted and are consistent with the intent of Amendment No. 229.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1402.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.c.(2) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-50 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 229, are hereby incorporated in the license. The AmerGen Energy Company, LLC shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days of issuance. Compensatory actions 1 and 2 listed on page 5 of Enclosure 1 to the licensee's February 14, 2001, application shall be implemented after cross-connecting the nuclear services river water (NR) and secondary services river water (SR) systems but prior to performing repairs on the NR system pipe. Compensatory actions 3 through 6 listed on page 5 of Enclosure 1 to the licensee's February 14, 2001, application shall be implemented prior to cross-connecting the NR and SR systems and prior to performing repairs on the NR system pipe.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Attachment: Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: February 23, 2001

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