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SUBJECT: BULLETIN 2002-01, "REACTOR PRESSURE VESSEL HEAD DEGRADATION AND REACTOR COOLANT PRESSURE BOUNDARY INTEGRITY," 15-DAY RESPONSE FOR THREE MILE ISLAND NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1 (TMI-1) (TAC NO. MB4585)

Dear Mr. Skolds:

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You provided your 15-day Bulletin response by letter dated April 1, 2002. The staff finds that you have provided the requested information, and has concluded that your plant does not appear to have conditions similar to those which lead to the degradation at Davis-Besse. However, the staff may issue questions to confirm or verify the information that was provided in your 15-day response to Bulletin 2002-01.

We will complete a full review of your response to Bulletin 2002-01 after we review your response to Items 2 and 3 of the Bulletin.

Sincerely,

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