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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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NRC PDR

Docket No. 50-289

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Dear Mr. Herbein:

In May 1976, we issued guidelines reflecting the NRC's policy regarding the implementation of General Design Criterion 3 - Fire Protection. Since that time, you have performed a fire hazards analysis for your facility and have compared its fire protection program with the NRC guidelines.

In late 1976, we set October 1980 as the date for completing the implementation of all modifications associated with this program. This implementation schedule recognized that such modifications should be completed as soon as practical, with due consideration of the nature of the modifications. For example, minor modifications, adoption of administrative controls and additional portable equipment would be completed within six months; however, major modifications would require a year or more to complete and some modifications would be coordinated with refueling outages.

In your case, Table 3.1 "Implementation Date for Modification" in the Fire Protection Safety Evaluation Report dated September 19, 1978 shows the implementation dates of many items coordinated with the end of the 1980 Refueling Outage (EOR-80) and beyond. Since the restart date for TMI-1 has not been established, the 1980 refueling date is also indefinite. Therefore, you are requested, within 45 days to revise the implementation dates of Table 3.1 showing calendar dates for all items.

By their Memorandum and Order in the matter of the Union of Concerned Scientists' Petition for Emergency and Remedial Action, dated April 13, 1978, the Commission directed the staff to use their best efforts to maintain this schedule, and also directed that the Commission be advised if any slippage is anticipated, along with suggested corrective actions.

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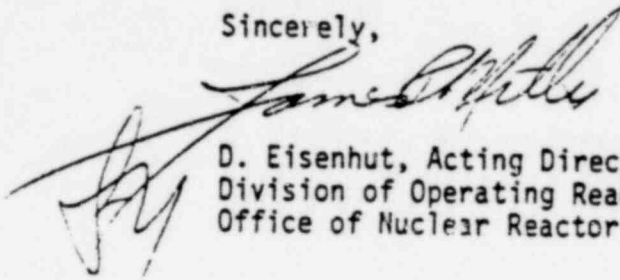
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We urge you to apply your best efforts to improve your schedules for completion of as many of the fire protection modifications at your facility as possible during the current plant shutdown period, and prior to October 1980. You should also submit on an expedited basis any information that is still outstanding with regard to open items and required design details.

Sincerely,



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