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Notification of tech specs violation  
in that inservice tendon surveillance  
program was not completed on time  
& advising that program will be  
completed by 10-7-77.

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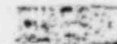
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September 9, 1977  
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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulations  
Attn: R. W. Reid, Chief  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir:

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Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1  
Operating License No. DPR-50  
Docket No. 50-289

The purpose of this letter is to inform your office of a situation which could be considered as not having met the requirements of TMI-1 Technical Specification 4.4.2.1. "Inservice Tendon Surveillance Program".

More specifically, please be advised that (a) because the Structural Integrity Test was completed on March 10, 1974, we consider the latest required completion date for the current Inservice Tendon Surveillance Program to be September 10, 1977 (i.e., three years from March 10, 1974, plus an allowed 25% variance), and (b) we currently anticipate completing the surveillance program by October 7, 1977.

There are several factors which have caused the contractor delays in completing the surveillance consisting primarily of (a) difficulty in securing an additional ram to perform the testing and problems with the mechanical reliability of the existing ram, (b) difficulty in securing spare parts, such as gaskets for each assembly cover, necessary to complete the surveillance, and (c) time lost due to pickets and inclement weather.

Sincerely,

*J. G. Herbein*  
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Vice President

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