

Docket No.: 50-289

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By letter dated July 19, 1977, you transmitted a report pertaining to Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1 (TMI-1) entitled "Reactor Containment Building Integrated Leak Rate Test - April 1977." In your letter you noted that because the initial and first periodic (April 1977) integrated leak rate tests both failed to meet the applicable acceptance criteria, the test schedule applicable to subsequent tests is subject to review and approval by the Commission pursuant to TMI-1 Technical Specification 4.4.1.1.6.a and 10CFR50, Appendix J, Section III.A.6(a). Your letter further noted that the next test is presently scheduled for the 1980 refueling outage.

This is to advise you that we have reviewed your submittal, and on the basis of our review have concluded that certain changes in your test procedures and the schedule for periodic integrated leak rate tests are appropriate.

With respect to the test procedures utilized at TMI-1, we conclude that the procedures should be modified to facilitate the identification of excessive local leakage, leakage into internal volumes, ingassing and diurnal effects.

With respect to the schedule for performance of integrated leakage rate tests at TMI-1, we conclude that an integrated leakage rate test is needed during the 1978 refueling outage. This test is in addition to those already required by TMI-1 Specification 4.4.1.1.5 and should be considered a replacement for the test performed in April 1977.

Sincerely,

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