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Docket No.: 50-289

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Gentlemen:

Since May 1976, the NRC has been reevaluating the fire protection programs at all licensed facilities. At present, we have essentially completed our evaluation of 30% of such facilities; our goal is to complete our evaluation on the remaining facilities by December 1978. Our Commissioners have indicated their view that appropriate resources should be applied to assure achievement of this objective. To achieve our agency objective, we will need your cooperation and hope you will give this matter some personal attention.

At present, our review team is scheduled to visit Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1 (TMI-1) during the week of May 22, 1978; we plan to issue a license amendment for TMI-1 reflecting the results of our evaluation about six weeks thereafter.

In the evaluations we have completed to date, we have found that if the efforts of our respective staffs are well coordinated, the evaluation can be completed promptly. Further, where modifications proposed by licensees are adequately described and justified, all issues can be resolved promptly without the need for extensive followup effort.

By letter dated April 17, 1978, we transmitted to you a number of questions which had arisen as a result of our review of the TMI-1 Fire Hazards Analysis Report. As indicated in our letter, written responses to those questions which are not deleted in the course of the Site Visit should be submitted in time to be received by us no later than June 5, 1978. In addition, it was indicated that your commitment to

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conform to the staff positions enclosed with the above letter, should also be submitted at the same time. Therefore, with regard to these responses and any further information that may be needed, let me again request your cooperation in completing our review of the fire protection program for your facility.

Sincerely,

Victor Stello, Jr., Director
 Division of Operating Reactors
 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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