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Metropolitan Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. W. M. Creitz, President
P. O. Box 542
Reading, Pennsylvania 19603

Docket Nos. 50-289
50-320

Dear Sir:

This letter refers to inspections conducted by members of the Region I Regulatory Operations staff on August 14-17, 1972 and March 26-28, 1973 of your activities authorized under AEC License Nos. CPPR-40 and CPPR-66 and to discussions by the Region I inspector at the conclusion of the inspections, and to several meetings of the Director, Region I, Regulatory Operations, and his staff with management representatives of the Metropolitan Edison Company and General Public Utilities Service Company following the inspections.

The number and significance of deficiencies identified in the inspection conducted on August 14-17, 1972, indicated a need to discuss the adequacy of the implementation of your quality assurance program for the construction of the Three Mile Island facilities with top management representatives of your organization and appropriate members of your staff. This matter was discussed by the Director, Region I, Regulatory Operations, in a meeting with the President, General Public Utilities, and members of their respective staffs on November 9, 1972. In addition, results of the inspection of March 26-28, 1973, including a number of observed deficiencies, were discussed at the site immediately following the inspection with Mr. W. A. Verrochi, Vice President, Design and Construction, General Public Utilities Service Company, and other members of his staff. Subsequent to the discussion of the inspection findings at the site following the March 26-28, 1973 inspection, meetings in which these matters were again discussed were held in the Region I offices at the request of General Public Utilities Company on May 1, 1973 and May 8, 1973, with the President, General Public Utilities and members of your respective staffs.

The AEC staff is concerned with the number and significance of the construction incidents and quality assurance deficiencies which have occurred during construction of the Three Mile Island facilities. These concerns have been discussed in the meetings referred to above. It is our understanding that as a result of

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these meetings there is a clear understanding on your part of the level of quality assurance performance expected by the AEC and of its requirements.

It is necessary that management action be taken promptly to assure that those personnel involved in the construction, fabrication, and installation of the nuclear power plant, are given instructions on the need for strict adherence to AEC requirements and the implementation of your quality assurance program as required by Appendix B, 10 CFR 50, including an understanding that these requirements are issued for the protection of your employees and the protection of the public. We plan to conduct unannounced inspections to ascertain whether such action has been taken. The AEC will take further enforcement action, including the use of civil penalties or suspension of the construction permit, if necessary, if these inspections fail to show substantial improvement in the implementation of your quality assurance program.

This letter constitutes a notice sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201 of the AEC's "Rules of Practice", Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office within 20 days of your receipt of this notice, a written statement of explanation in reply, including: (1) corrective steps which have been or will be taken by you, and the results achieved; (2) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved. However, in view of the content of your unsolicited letter of May 15, 1973, which addresses the specific violations as contained in the enclosure to this letter and meets the requirements of Section 2.201 quoted above, no further reply is necessary.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
F. E. Kruesi

F. E. Kruesi, Director
of Regulatory Operations

Enclosure:

Description of Violations.

bcc: RO Files (w/cy of Met Ed ltr dtd 5/15/73).

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