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Mr. Eldon J. Brunner, Chief Reactor Operations & Nuclear Support Branch U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 631 Park Avenue King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Dear Mr. Brunner:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station Unit 1 (TMI-1)
Operating License No. DFR-50
Docket No. 50-289
Inspection Report No. 78-12

This letter and the attachment are in response to your inspection letter of June 30, 1978 concerning Mr. R. Conte's inspection of TMI-1 and the resultant finding of one (1) apparent infraction.

Sincerely,

J. G. Herbein

Vice President-Generation

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Apparent Violation

Technical Specification 6.8.3.c states in part: "Temporary Changes to procedures . . . may be made provided . . . The change is documented, reviewed by the Plant Operations Review Committee (PORC) and approved by the Unit Superintendent within 7 days of implementation."

Contrary to the above, as of June 1, 1978, a temporary change, implemented May 12, 1978 had not been reviewed by the PORC nor approved by the Unit Superintendent. This change affected the Reactor Protection System operating procedure.

Response to Violation

- The temporary change, TCN 78-190, was reviewed by the Unit 1 PORC, deemed minor in nature (added guidance to the operators), and recommended for Unit Superintendent approval on June 2, 1978. The Unit Superintendent subsequently approved the change on June 2, 1978.
- 2. The following administrative controls, designed to prevent occurrences of this nature, are in effect:
 - The Operations Department clerk has been instructed to review the TCN log book on each of two daily visits to the Control Room.
 - b. The Procedure Coordinator periodically reviews the TCN log book.
 - c. The Shift Foremen have an Operational Surveillance to audit the TCN log book once a week.
- 3. Full compliance was achieved on June 2, 1978.

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