

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION III 6TH AND WALNUT STREETS PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19106

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Mr. Harold Denton Director, Division of Site Safety and Environmental Analysis U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555 50-320

Dear Mr. Denton:

The Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Final Environmental Impact Statement issued July 22, 1976, in conjunction with the application of Matropolitan Edison Company for a license for the start-up and operation of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2. We have found the statement to be adequate in terms of its analysis of potential environmental impacts. We have also found that our comments concerning the draft EIS for Three Mile Island have been addressed in an acceptable manner. Therefore, we have no objections to the start-up and operation of Unit 2 of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Facility at this time.

We do wish to be kept informed of all changes or modifications to the pre-operational and operational monitoring programs that are to be performed by the applicant, Metropolitan Edison Company. Also, any changes to the cooling tower anti-corrosion or anti-fouling systems should be cited in the operating reports for this station.

If you have any questions concerning this review, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Nicholas M. Ruha of my staff. His telephone number is (215) 597-4313.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel J. Snyder, III Regional Administrator

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