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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
Attn: S. B. Hosford, Task Manager (A-2)  
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

REF: B&W-1538, Rev. 1 "Assumptions, Methodology  
and Acceptance Criteria Report for Asymmetric  
LOCA Loads Evaluation" transmitted in letter  
of July 16, 1979, J. H. Taylor, B&W to S. B.  
Hosford, NRC

Dear Sir:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station Units 1 & 2 (TMI-1 & TMI-2)  
Operating License Nos: DPR-50: TMI-1 & DPR-73: TMI-2  
Docket Nos: 50-289: TMI-1 & 50-320: TMI-2

In response to the NRC letter dated January 25, 1978, we as a participant  
of the B&W 177 FA Owners Group, have been pursuing a multi-phased program  
to evaluate the effect of asymmetric LOCA loads.

By letter dated May 18, 1979 (GQL 0697), you were advised of the results  
of Phase I of our analysis. Also included in that letter was an outline  
for Phase II. The termination date for Phase II, at that time, was  
identified as mid-March, 1980.

Please be advised that the NRC required analyses subsequent to the accident  
at TMI-2, have occupied the time of key B&W personnel. This has resulted  
in a delay in the Phase II program completion. The new completion date  
is July, 1980. As was discussed with you earlier this year, seismic loads  
will not be combined with LOCA loads during Phase II of our analysis.

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If you desire to review the progress of Phase II and/or have any questions concerning the extended schedule completion, a meeting can be scheduled for August 8, 1979 at the Babcock and Wilcox Company office in Lynchburg, Virginia. At that time, if you wish, we can also review with you B&W 1538, Rev. 1, transmitted by the reference letter. That document outlines the methodology and assumptions applicable to our Phase II program.

Please advise Mr. Lou Lanese, GPU, if you desire the meeting on August 8, 1979.

Sincerely,

  
J. G. Herbein  
Vice President  
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