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The Honorable Leon E. Panetta United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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ATTORNEY MITCHELL ROGOVIN NAMED TO DIRECT NRC'S SPECIAL INQUIRY INTO THREE MILE ISLAND ACCIDENT

Mitchell Rogovin, senior partner in the Washington law firm of Rogovin, Stern and Huge, has been appointed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to direct a special independent inquiry into the March 28 accident at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Rogovin and his law firm will direct the inquiry to determine actual events which occurred at Three Mile Island and their causes, and the actions of the licensee, Metropolitan Edison Company, and NkC personnel before and after the accident. The inquiry will also identify areas of deficiency revealed by the accident and areas in which further investigation is warranted. It is expected that the special inquiry will take about six months.

During the period that the Commission has been seeking a director for the special inquiry, a staff of NRC personnel and consultants headed by Dr. Kevin Cornell, Deputy Executive Director for Operations, has begun the initial phases of the inquiry. In addition, the NRC Office of Inspection and Enforcement has been carrying out its staff-level investigation of the accident, and the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has formed a task force which is studying the lessons learned from the accident.

In announcing the appointment, NRC Chairman Joseph M. Hendrie said:

"The Special Inquiry represents a major phase of the Commission's evaluation of the Three Mile Island accident and its implications. It is not intended to duplicate the efforts of the President's Commission on the Accident at Three Mile Island. Rather, it is designed so that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, in order to fulfill its own regulatory responsibilities, will have the fullest possible understanding of the events at Three Mile Island, both from the technical standpoint and from the standpoint of how our regulatory processes functioned. The purpose of that evaluation is to permit the Commission to take whatever further steps may be necessary to prevent any similar accident in the future, and to improve the NRC's ability to respond to accidents."

Mr. Rogovin will have authority to designate a staff of his own choosing, including NRC personnel and consultants currently engaged in the interim inquiry, and staff and consultants from outside the Commission. Mr. Rogovin will have full independence in directing the inquiry.

Mr. Rogovin, both as Chief Counsel to the Internal Revenue Service and then as 'ssistant U.S. Attorney General, has had extensive experience in supervising large-scale investigations. Subsequently, while in private practice, he served as Special Counsel to the Central Intelligence Agency during investigations into activities of the intelligence community. Mr. Rogovin's partner, George T. Frampton, Jr., served for two years on the Watergate Special Prosecution Force, where he was one of a five-member team that conducted the grand jury investigation and the trial of the Watergate case.

In 1977-78, the Rogovin, Stern and Huge firm was retained by the U.S. Civil Service Commission to conduct an outside, independent, investigation of allegations concerning the equal employment opportunity and merit systems. The law firm also served as special outside counsel to a large bank holding company in conducting an extensive investigation of prior activities by the company's officers and employees.

The specific areas which the special inquiry will examine include the following:

-- the sequence of events during the accident, what was happening to the reactor and the plant, including, where feasible, an assessment of important alternative sequences; the response of the operating personnel; radioactive releases and exposures; events at the plant before the accident that might be related to the accident.

--the history of the NRC review of the utility's application for a license to operate Three Mile Island No. 2; NRC license conditions on TMI-2 operations, including technical specifications; the operating and inspection history at TMI-2; the operating and inspection histories of other Babcock & Wilcox plants, focused on any indications of the types of problems that arose in the TMI-2 accident; a summary of NRC past consideration of such problems; the extent to which financial or tax considerations influenced conditions in the plant in any way that might have contributed to the accident; any other precursor events or analyses relevant to the accident.

-- the susceptibility of Babcock & Wilcox plants to accidents; unique features of TMI-2 that may have increased or decreased the severity of the accident; other design effects related to the TMI-2 accident.

--TMI-2 operations, including training and qualifications of personnel, operating procedures and management overview; technical support to operating personnel and management.

--emergency response to TMI-2 accident by the utility, other utilities and utility groups, and industrial organizations, including coordination with NRC and other Federal, State, and local officials, and assessment and dissemination of information.

--emergency planning by, and emergency response plans approved by, the NRC; actual emergency response to the accident by NRC, including staff, ACRS and Commissioners, on site and at headquarters; NRC coordination with Federal, State, and local officials, the utility, industry sources, and the national laboratories; NRC assessment and dissemination of information; communications and chain of command within NRC.

The special inquiry will also assess the possible implications of the accident at TMI-2 (including design of the facility, operations, regulatory actions, emergency preparedness) for other nuclear power plants and identify areas where further study is recommended. Based on these assessments and recommendations, the Commission will undertake such additional inwestigations, analyses and actions as it considers appropriate in the discharge of its responsibilities.

Mr. Rogovin will keep the Commission informed on a periodic basis of the progress of the inquiry. Any information of immediate public health or safety significance will be reported promptly to the Commission. The Commission emphasized that it will take whatever regulatory action it deems necessary at any time, based on information available to it at that time. By instituting the special inquiry, the Commission said it intends no suggestion that it will withhold regulatory action with respect to identified deficiencies until the inquiry is completed.

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REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL ERRORS AND SYSTEM MISALIGNMENTS IDENTIFIED DURING THE THREE MILE ISLAND INCIDENT

Description of Circumstances:

IE Bulletin 79-06 identified actions to be taken by the licensees of all pressurized water power reactors (except Babcock & Wilcox reactors) as a result of the Three Mile Island Unit 2 incident. This Bulletin clarifies the actions of Bulletin 79-05 for reactors designed by Westinghouse, and the response to this bulletin will eliminate the need to respond to Bulletin 79-06.

Actions to be taken by Licensees:

For all Westinghouse pressurized water reactor facilities with an operating license (the actions specified below replace those identified in IE Bulletin 79-06 on an item by item basis):

- Review the description of circumstances described in Enclosure ! of IE Bulletin 79-05 and the preliminary chronology of the TMI-2 3/28/79 accident included in Enclosure 1 to IE Bulletin 79-05A.
 - This review should be directed toward understanding: (1) the a. extreme seriousness and consequences of the simultaneous blocking of both auxiliary feedwater trains at the Three Mile Island Unit 2 plant and other actions taken during the early phases of the accident; (2) the apparent operational errors which led to the eventual core damage; (3) that the potential exists, under certain accident or transient conditions, to have a water level in the pressurizer simultaneously with the reactor vessel not full of water; and (4) the necessity to systematically analyze plant conditions and parameters and take appropriate corrective action.
- Operational personnel should be instructed to: (1) not override automatic action of engineered safety features unless continued operation of engineered safety features will result in unsafe plant conditions (see Section 7a.); and (2) not make operational decisions based solely on a single plant parameter indication when one or more confirmatory indications are available.

IE Bulletin No. 79-06A Date: April 14, 1979 Page 2 of 5 All licensed operators and plant management and supervisors with operational responsibilities shall participate in this review and such participation shall be documented in plant records. Review the actions required by your operating procedures for coping with transients and accidents, with particular attention to: Recognition of the possibility of forming voids in the primary . coolant system large enough to compromise the core cooling capability, especially natural circulation capability. Operation action required to prevent the formation of such voids. Operator action required to enhance core cooling in the event such voids are formed (e.g., remote venting). For your facilities that use pressurizer water level coincident with . pressurizer pressure for automatic initiation of safety injection into the reactor coolant system, trip the low pressurizer level set point bistables such that, when the pressurizer pressure reaches the low set point, safety injection would be initiated regardless of the pressurizer level. In addition, instruct operators to manually initiate safety injection when the pressurizer pressure indication reaches the actuation set point whether or not the level indication has dropped to the actuation setpoint. Review the containment isolation initiation design and procedures, and prepare and implement all changes necessary to permit containment isolation whether manual or automatic, of all lines whose isolation does not degrade needed safety features or cooling capability, upon automatic initiation of safety injection. 5. For facilities for which the auxiliary feedwater system is not automatically initiated, prepare and implement immediately procedures which require the stationing of an individual (with no other assigned concurrent duties and in direct and continuous communication with the control room) to promotly initiate adequate auxiliary feedwater to the steam generator(s) for those transients or accidents the consequences of which can be limited by such action. 344 277

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- For your facilities, prepare and implement immediately procedures which:
 - a. Identify those plant indications (such as valve discharge piping temperature, valve position indication, or valve discharge relief tank temperature or pressure indication) which plant operators may utilize to determine that pressurizer power operated relief valve(s) are open, and
 - b. Direct the plant operators to manually close the power operated relief block valve(s) when reactor coolant system pressure is reduced to below the set point for normal automatic closure of the power operated relief valve(s) and the valve(s) remain stuck open.
- 7. Review the action directed by the operating procedures and training instructions to ensure that:
 - a. Operators do not override automatic actions of engineered safety features, unless continued operation of engineered safety features will result in unsafe plant conditions. For example, if continued operation of engineered safety features would threaten reactor vessel integrity then the HPI should be secured (as noted in b(2) below).
 - b. Operating procedures currently, or are revised to, specify that if the high pressure injection (HPI) system has been automatically actuated because of low pressure condition, it must remain in operation until either:
 - Both low pressure injection (LPI) pumps are in operation and flowing for 20 minutes or longer; at a rate which would assure stable plant behavior; or
 - (2) The HPI system has been in operation for 20 minutes, and all hot and cold leg temperatures are at least 50 degrees below the saturation temperature for the existing RCS pressure. If 50 degrees subcooling cannot be maintained after HPI cutoff, the HPI shall be reactivated. The degree of subcooling beyond 50 degrees F and the length of time HPI is in operation shall be limited by the pressure/temperature considerations for the vessel integrity.

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- c. Operating procedures currently, or are revised to, specify that in the event of HPI initiation with reactor coolant pumps (RCP) operating, at least one RCP shall remain operating for two loop plants and at least two RCPs shall remain operating for 3 or 4 loop plants as long as the pump(s) is providing forced flow.
- d. Operators are provided additional information and instructions to not rely upon pressurizer level indication alone, but to also examine pressurizer pressure and other plant parameter indications in evaluating plant conditions, e.g., water, inventory in the reactor primary system.
- 8. Review all safety-related valve positions, positioning requirements and positive controls to assure that valves remain positioned (open or closed) in a manner to ensure the proper operation of engineered safety features. Also review related procedures, such as those for maintenance, testing, plant and system startup, and supervisory periodic (e.g., daily/shift checks,) surveillance to ensure that such valves are returned to their correct positions following necessary manipulations and are maintained in their proper positions during all operational modes.
- 9. Review your operating modes and procedures for all systems designed to transfer potentially radioactive gases and liquids out of the primary containment to assure that undesired pumping, venting or other release of radioactive liquids and gases will not occur inadvertently.

In particular, ensure that such an occurrence would not be caused by the resetting of engineered safety features instrumentation. List all such systems and indicate:

- Whether interlocks exist to prevent transfer when high radiation indication exists, and
- b. Whether such systems are isolated by the containment isolation signal.
- c. The basis on which continued operability of the above features is assured.
- 10. Review and modify as necessary your maintenance and test procedures to ensure that they require:
 - a. Verification, by test or inspection, of the operability of redundant safety-related systems prior to the removal of any safety-related system from service.

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- b. Verification of the operability of all safety-related systems when they are returned to service following maintenance or testing.
- Explicit notification of involved reactor operational personnel whenever a safety-related system is removed from and returned to service.
- 11. Review your prompt reporting procedures for NRC notification to assure that NRC is notified within one hour of the time the reactor is not in a controlled or expected condition of operation. Further, at that time an open continuous communication channel shall be established and maintained with NRC.
- 12. Review operating modes and procedures to deal with significant amounts of hydrogen gas that may be generated during a transient or other accident that would either remain inside the primary system or be released to the containment.
- 13. Propose changes, as required, to those technical specifications which must be modified as a result of your implementing the above items.

For all light water reactor facilities designed by Westinghouse with an operating license, respond to Items 1-12 within 10 days of the receipt of this Bulletin. Respond to item 13 (Technical Specification Change proposals) in 30 days.

Reports should be submitted to the Director of the appropriate NRC Regional Office and a copy should be forwarded to the NRC Office of Inspection and Enforcement, Division of Reactor Operations Inspection, Washington, D.C. 20555.

For all other power reactors with an operating license or construction permit, this Bulletin is for information purposes and no written response is required.

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IE Bulletin 79-06A identified actions to be taken by the licensees of all pressurized water reactors designed by Westinghouse.

Item No. 3 of the actions to be taken, as stated in the original bulletin, was:

"3. For your facilities that use pressurizer water level coincident with pressurizer pressure for automatic initiation of safety injection into the reactor coolant system, trip the low pressurizer level setpoint bistables such that, when the pressurizer pressure reaches the low setpoint, safety injection would be initiated regardless of the pressurizer level. In addition, instruct operators to manually initiate safety injection when the pressurizer pressure indication reaches the actuation setpoint whether or not the level indication has dropped to the actuation setpoint."

Information from licensees and Westinghouse has identified that implementation of this action would preclude the performance of surveillance testing of the pressurizer pressure bistables without initiating a safety injection.

In order to permit surveillance testing of the pressurizer pressure bistables, the low pressurizer level bistables that must operate in coincidence with the low pressurizer pressure bistables may be restored to normal operation for the duration of the surveillance test of that coincident pressurizer pressure channel. At the conclusion of the surveillance test of each pressurizer pressure channel, the coincident pressurizer level channel must be returned to the tripped mode defined in Action Item 3 of IE builetin 79-06A.

As a result, Item 3 should be revised as follows:

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Item 13 of the actions to be taken, as stated in the original bulletin, was:

"13. Propose changes, as required, to those technical specifications which must be modified as a result of your implementing the above items."

Long term resolutions of some of these requactions may require design changes. Therefore, Item 13 of actions be taken should be revised as follows:

"13. Propose changes, as required, to those technical specifications which must be modified as a result of jour implementing the above items and identify design changes necessary in order to effect long term resolutions of these items."

For all light water reactor facilities designed by Westinghouse with an operating license, respond to Items 1-12 within 10 days of the receipt of this Bulletin. Respond to Item 13 (Technical Specification Change proposals and identification of design changes in 30 days.)

The other requirements of IE Bulletin 79-06A remain in effect.

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78-08	Radiation Levels from Fuel Element Transfer Tubes	6/12/78	All Power, Test and Research Reactor Facilities with an OL having Fuel Element Transfer Tubes
78-09	BWR Drywell Leakage Paths Associated with Inadequate Drywell Closures	6/14/78	All BWR Power Reactor Facilities with an OL (for action) or CP (for information)
78-10	Bergen-Paterson Hydraulic Shock Suppressor Accumulator Spring Coils	6/27/78	All BWR Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP
78-11	Examination of Mark I Containment Torus Welds	7/24/78	BWR Power Reactor Facilities with an OL for action: Peach Bottom 2 and 3, Quad Cities 1 and 2, Hatch 1, Monticello and Vermont
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78-12	Atypical Weld Material in Reactor Pressure Vessel Welds	9/29/78	All Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP
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78-123	Atypical Weld Material in Reactor Pressure Vessel Welds	3/19/79	All Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP
78-13	Failures In Source Head of Kay-Ray, Inc., Gauges Models 7050, 7050B, 7051, 7051B, 7060B, 7061 and 7061B	10/27/78	All General and Specific Licensees with the subject Kay-Ray, Inc. Gauges
78-14	Deterioration of Buna-N Components In ASCO Solenoids	12/19/78	All GE BWR Faci- lities with an OL (for action), and all other Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP (for information)
79-01	Environmental Qualif- ication of Class IE Equipment	2/8/79	All Power Reactor Facilities with an OL, except the 11 Systematic Evaluation Program Plants (for action), and all other Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP (For Information)
79-02	Pipe Support Base Plate Design Using Concrete Expansion Anchor Bolts	.3/8/79	All Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP

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79-04	Incorrect Weights for Swing Check Valves Manufactured by Velan Engineering Corporation	3/30/79	All Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP
79-05	Nuclear Incident at Three Mile Island	4/1/79	All Babcock and Wilcox Power Reactor Facilities with an OL, Except Three Mile Island 1 and 2 (For Action), and All Other Power Reactor Facilities With an OL or CP (For Information)
79-05A	Nuclear Incident at Three Mile Island - Supplement	4/5/79	Same as 79-05
79-05	Review of Operational Errors and System Mis- alignments Identified During the Three Mile Incident	4/11/79	All Pressurized Water Power Reactor Facil- ities with an OL Except B&W Facilities (For Action), All Other Power Reactor Facil- ities with an OL or CP (For Information)

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79-06A	Same Title as 79-06	4/14/79	All Westinghouse Designed Pressurized Power Reactor Facil- ities with an OL (For Action), and All Other Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP (For Information)
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79-07	Seismic Stress Analysis of Safety-Related Piping	4/14/79	All Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP
79-08	Events Relevant to Boiling Water Power Reactors Identified During Three Mile Island Incident	4/14/79	All BWR Power Reactor Facilities with an OL (For Action), All Other Power Reactor Facil- ities with an OL or CP (For Information)
79-09	Failures of GE Type AK-2 Circuit Breaker in Safety Related Systems	4/17/79	All Power Reactor Facilities with an OL or CP

ENCLOSURE 2

LIST OF LICENSEES & CCEIVING IE BULLETIN NO. 79-06A (REVISION 1) FOR ACTION

Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company Docket No. 50-213 ATTN: Mr. W. G. Counsil

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Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.

ATTN: Mr. W. J. Cahill, Jr.

Vice President 4 Irving Place

New York, New York 10003

Duquesne Light Company ATTN: Mr. C. N. Dunn

> Vice President Operations Division

435 Sixth Avenue . . Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

Power Authority of the State of New York Docket No. 50-286 Indian Point 3 Nuclear Fower Plant

ATTN: Mr. J. P. Bayne Resident Manager

P. O. Box 215 Buchanan, New York 10511

Public Service Electric and Gas Company

ATTN: Mr. F. W. Schneider

Vice President - Production

80 Park Place

Newark, New Jersey 07101

Rochester Gas and Electric Company

ATTN: Mr. Leon D. White, Jr.

Vice President

Electric and Steam Production

89 East Avenue

Rochester, New York 14649

Docket No. 50-247

Docket No. 50-334

Docket No. 50-272

Docket No. 50-244

Yankee Atomic Electric Company ATTN: Mr. Robert H. Groce Licensing Engineer 20 Turnpike Road Westborough, Massachusetts 01581

Docket No. 50-29

ENCLOSURE 3

SAMPLE LETTER (FOR ACTION)

Docket No(s).

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NAME AND ADDRESS

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is IE Bulletin No. 79-06A (Revision 1) which requires action by you with regard to your Westinghouse designed pressurized water reactor facility(ies) with an operating license.

Should you have questions regarding this Bulletin or the actions required of you, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Boyce H. Grier Director

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RECEIVING IE BULLETIN NO. 79-06A (REVISION 1) FOR INFORMATION

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company ATTN: Mr. A. E. Lundvall, Jr. Vice President - Supply P. O. Box 1475 Baltimore, Maryland 21203 Docket Nos. 50-317 50-318

Boston Edison Company M/C Nuclear ATTN: Mr. G. Carl Andognini, Manager Nuclear Operations Lapartment 800 Boylston Street Boston, Massachusetts 02199 Docket No. 50-293

Consolidated Edison Company or New York, Inc. ATTN: Mr. W. J. Cahill, Jr. Vice President 4 Irving Place New York, New York 10003

Docket No. 50-03

Jersey Central Power and Light Company ATTN: Mr. Ivan R. Finfrock, Jr. Vice President Madison Avenue at Punch Borl Road Morristown, New Jersey 07960

Docket No. 50-219

Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company ATTN: Mr. Robert H. Groce Licensing Engineer 20 Turnpike Road Westborough, Massachusetts 01581 Docket No. 50-309

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation ATTN: Mr. R. R. Schneider Vice President Electric Operations 300 Erie Boulevard West Syracuse, New York 13202

Docket No. 50-220 ·

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company ATTN: Mr. W. G. Counsil Vice President - Nuclear Engineering and Operations P. O. Box 270 Hartford, Connecticut 06101	Docket	Nos.	50-336 50-245 50-423
Philadelphia Electric Company ATTN: Mr. S. L. Daltroff Vice President Electric Production 2301 Market Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101	Docket	Nos.	50-277 50-278
Power Authority of the State of New York James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant ATTN: Mr. J. D. Leonard, Jr. Resident Manager P. O. Box 41 Lycoming, New York 13093	Docket	No.	50-333
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation ATTN: Mr. Robert H. Groce Licensing Engineer 20 Turnpike Road Westborough, Massachusetts 01581	Docket	No.	50-271
Duquesne Light Company ATTN: Mr. E. J. Woolever Vice President 435 Sixth Avenue Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219	Docket	No.	50-412
Jersey Central Power & Light Company ATTN: Mr. I. R. Finfrock, Jr. Vice President Contract Co	Docket	No.	50-363
Long Island Lighting Company ATTN: Mr. Andrew W. Wofford Vice President 175 East Old Country Road Hicksvilla, New York 11801	Docket	Nos.	50-322 50-516 50-517

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation Docket No. 50-410 ATTN: Mr. G. K. Rhode Vice President . . System Project Management 300 Erie Boulevard, West Syracuse, New York 13202 Pennsylvania Power & Light Company Docket Nos. 50-387 ATTN: Mr. Norman W. Curtis 50-388 Vice President Engineering and Construction (N-4) 2 North Ninth Street. Allentown, Pennsylvania 18101 Docket Nos. 50-352 Philadelphia Electric Company ATTN: Mr. V. S. Boyer 50-353 Vice President Engineering and Research 2301 Market Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101 Public Service Electric & Gas Company Docket Nos. 50-354 ATTN: Mr. T. J. Martin 50-355 Vice President 50-311 Engineering and Construction 80 Park Place Newark, New Jersey 07101 Public Service Company of New Hampshire Docket Nos. 50-443 ATTN: Mr. W. C. Tallman 50-444 President 1000 Elm Street Manchester, New Hamp. re 03105 Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation Docket No. 50-485 ATTN: Mr. J. E. Arthur . Chief Engineer 89 East Avenue Rochester, New York 14649 Docket No. 50-289 Metropolitan Edison Company

ATTN: Mr. J. G. Herbein
Vice President - Generation
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Reading, Pennsylvania 19640

ENCLOSURE 5

SAMPLE LETTER (FOR INFORMATION)

Docket No(s).

Date:

NAME AND ADDRESS

Gentlemen:

The enclosed Bulletin 79-06A (Revision 1) is forwarded to you for information. No written response is required at this time. If you desire additional information regarding this matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Boyce H. Grier Director

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