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AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
FOR DECONTAMINATION OF INTERMEDIATE  
LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE WATER AT  
THREE MILE ISLAND UNIT NO. 2

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Part 51, notice is hereby given that an Environmental Assessment and Negative Declaration prepared by the Commission's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation related to the decontamination of intermediate level radioactive waste water at the Three Mile Island Unit No. 2 nuclear power plant is available for comment.

Metropolitan Edison Company, the licensee for Three Mile Island Unit No. 2, proposes to use an EPICOR-II ion exchange decontamination system to decontaminate the intermediate level radioactive waste water which has been held in tanks at Three Mile Island since the accident at that facility on March 28, 1979. The Assessment considers the environmental impacts resulting from use of EPICOR-II including risks from possible accidents, and it also considers alternatives to use of EPICOR. The Assessment and the accompanying Negative Declaration conclude that the environmental impacts of use of EPICOR-II will not significantly affect the environment, and therefore that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

The Assessment does not consider ultimate disposal of the decontaminated waste water because use of EPICOR-II will not foreclose any options for such ultimate disposal and because disposal will be the subject of a subsequent Assessment. Furthermore, the Assessment does not consider the decontamination or disposal of the high-level contaminated waste water at Three Mile Island. Decontamination and disposal of that waste water will be considered in future Assessments.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document(s) upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Office of the Secretary of the Commission in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.712 of 10 CFR Part 2 - Rules of Practice, of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this  
14<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1979.

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