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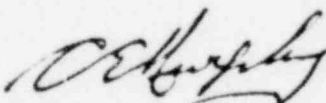
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Gentlemen:

The enclosed Information Notice No. 79-16 is forwarded to you for your information. No specific action is requested and no written response is required. Enclosures 1 and 2 to the Information Notice 79-16 were forwarded to you in previous correspondence dated April 13, 1979. If you desire additional information regarding this matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

  
James P. O'Reilly  
Director

Enclosures:

1. IE Information Notice 79-16
2. List of IE Information Notices  
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NUCLEAR INCIDENT AT THREE MILE ISLAND

Description of Circumstances:

On March 28, 1979, the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 2 experienced core damage which resulted from a series of events which were initiated by a loss of feedwater transient. The seriousness of this incident makes an understanding of its causes important to research and experimental facilities. This notice transmits copies of Inspection and Enforcement Bulletins (IEBs) 79-05, 79-05A and 79-05B to inform you of the details as known at the time the bulletins were issued. Enclosures 1 and 3 of IEB 79-05 and Enclosure 2 of IEB 79-05A have been deleted from this transmittal. IEB's similar to the 79-05 series were issued to licensees with boiling water reactors and pressurized water reactors supplied by vendors other than Babcock and Wilcox.

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Enclosures:

1. IE Bulletin No. 79-05  
with Enclosures
2. IE Bulletin No. 79-05A  
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3. IE Bulletin No. 79-05B

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