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**METROPOLITAN EDISON PARTICIPATION IN TRIAL INSPECTION PROGRAM
EMPLOYING THE STATISTICAL SAMPLING INSPECTION TECHNIQUE**

On September 30, 1975, J. H. Sniezek, Chief, Light Water Reactor Programs Branch, and A. B. Davis, Senior Reactor Inspector, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, met with R. C. Arnold, Vice President, Metropolitan Edison Company, to discuss the trial inspection program being conducted by IE at Three Mile Island Unit 1. The discussion centered about Metropolitan Edison's concern that the results of the inspection program could be used by non-NRC personnel in a manner that could reflect unfairly on the performance of Metropolitan Edison as related to compliance with NRC requirements.

Mr. Arnold was informed of the purpose and scope of the trial program and how it differs from the routine inspection program. It was emphasized that any resultant enforcement action would be completely consistent with existing criteria. The possible methodology for tabulating the number of instances of noncompliance versus the number of chances for noncompliance was discussed. Metropolitan Edison was informed that this matter was being pursued by IE as one aspect of the trial program.

Mr. Arnold was of the view that the NRC should probably make a statement regarding Metropolitan Edison's performance at the conclusion of the trial program to preclude personnel outside the NRC from utilizing the results of the trial program in an irresponsible manner. Mr. Arnold was informed that this decision would be made after the results of the trial program had been evaluated as to the feasibility of such a statement.

As a result of the meeting, it appears as though Metropolitan Edison's concerns have been alleviated, but not eliminated. We believe that Metropolitan Edison will cooperate with the NRC during the conduct of this trial program.

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