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Metropolitan Edison Company Attention: Mr. R. C. Arnold Vice President P. O. Box 542 License No. DPR-50 Investigation No. 75-20 Docket No. 50-289

Reading, PA 19603

Gentlemen:

This refers to the investigation conducted by Mr. R. Smith and other investigators of this office on August 5 and 6, 1975 at Three Mile Island Unit 1, Middletown, Pennsylvania of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-50. This also refers to the discussion of our findings held by Mr. R. Smith with Mr. J. Herbein and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the investigation, and to a subsequent telephone discussion between Mr. Herbein and Mr. Smith.

Areas examined during this investigation are described in the Office of Inspection and Enforcement Investigation Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the investigation consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, measurements made by the investigators, and observations by the investigators.

Based on the results of this investigation, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. This item of noncompliance has been categorized into the levels as described in our correspondence to you dated December 31, 1975. This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2,201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Although Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office, within 20 days of your receipt of this notice, a written statement of explanation, we note that this item of noncompliance was corrected prior to the completion of our investigation, and therefore, no response with respect to this matter is required.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed investigation report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractor) believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within 20 days to this office to withhold such information "rom public disclosure. Any such application must include a full statement "rasons on the basis of which it is claimed that the information

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is proprietary, and should be prepared so that proprietary information identified in the application is contained in a separate part of the document. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this investigation, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely, ames P. O'Reilly Director

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Enclosures: 1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation 2. IE:I Investigation Report No. 50-289/75-20

cc: J. G. Herbein, Manager, Generation Operations - Nuclear R. W. Heward, Project Manager, GPUSC

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