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Mr. J. P. O'Reilly, Director
Office of Inspection & Enforcement, Region 1
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Docket No. 50-289
Operating License No. DPR-50
Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (TMI-1)

This letter and the enclosure are in response to your inspection letter of November 18, 1976 concerning Mr. G. Napuda's inspection on TMI-1 and the resultant finding of an infraction.

Sincerely,

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Vice President

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Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (TMI-1)
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Inspection No. 76-25

Description of Infraction

10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion V, states, in part: "Activities affecting quality shall be prescribed by documented...procedures... and shall be accomplished in accordance with these....procedures..." Paragraph 45.2.4.2 of Licensee Procedure 1104-45 titled "Fire Protection" states, in part: "Portable Fire Extinguishers...weighted and inspected monthly."

Contrary to the above, the monthly inspection of portable fire extinguishers had not been performed during February through June and September, 1976.

Response to Infraction

Monthly inspection of fire extinguishers is performed by the Three Mile Island Mechanical Maintenance Department. In the past during periods of heavy Maintenance Department workload, e.g. Refueling Outage February-May 1976, performance of critical path maintenance activities have caused continual delay and eventual omission of the monthly fire extinguisher inspection. Although these inspections have been omitted during periods of peak maintenance activity, Maintenance Procedure 1410-Y-26, Welding and Cutting Procedure for Fire Safety, which requires approval of a permit for all welding and cutting operations, adequately insures that fire extinguishers are accessible and operable in the areas of such work.

The fire extinguisher inspections are being performed by the Mechanical Maintenance Department and we are now in full compliance. In the future, it is anticipated that this work will be re-assigned to another group at TMI and the inspection will be performed under the direct supervision of the TMI Safety Supervisor.

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