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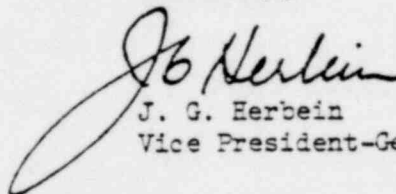
Mr. Eldon J. Brunner, Chief
Reactor Operations & Nuclear Support Branch
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Dear Mr. Brunner:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (TMI-1)
Operating License No. DPR-50
Docket No. 50-289
Inspection Report No. 78-07

This letter and the attachment are in response to your inspection letter of May 5, 1978 concerning Mr. J. C. Higgins' inspection of TMI-1 and the resultant finding of one apparent infraction.

Sincerely,


J. G. Herbein
Vice President-Generation

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Attachment

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Apparent Item of Noncompliance

Technical Specification 6.8.1 states in part, "Written procedures and administrative policies shall be established, implemented and maintained..."

Contrary to the above, at approximately 2:00 p.m. on April 14, 1978, valve SA-V34 was found shut when required by Enclosure III to Surveillance Procedure 1303-6.1, "Reactor Building Integrated Leak Rate Test", Revision 6, dated March 1, 1978 with TCN 78-135, dated April 7, 1978, to be open, thus providing an improper barrier to containment leakage.

Response to Item of Noncompliance

- A. Action Taken: A complete recheck of the valve lineup was performed to assure that all valves were in the correct position for the Integrated Leak Rate Test (ILRT). An investigation was made to determine why the valve position has been changed after the lineup was made for the ILRT. No cause for the incorrect valve position was identified.
- B. Action to Prevent Recurrence: The ILRT procedure will be changed to require a briefing of operations personnel instructing them not to operate valves with ILRT tags without shift foreman approval.
- C. The procedure will be changed by September 1, 1978.