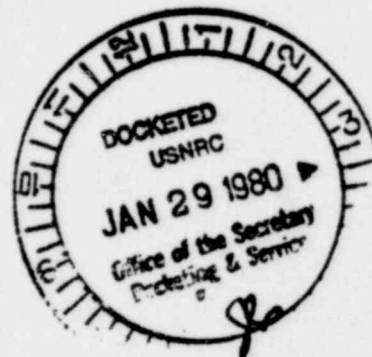




UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

CORRESPONDENCE

January 21, 1980



Multiple Addressees
(See Attached List of Parties)

In the Matter of
Metropolitan Edison Company, et al.
(Three Mile Island, Unit 1)
Docket No. 50-289

Dear Parties:

On January 9, 1980, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission held a public meeting dealing with the management competence issue in the TMI-1 proceeding. The meeting centered around a memorandum and draft order prepared by the NRC Office of General Counsel. Copies of these documents are attached.

Although the memorandum and draft order were discussed by the General Counsel and the Commissioners at length, no conclusions were reached. The Commissioners did ask the General Counsel's Office to help them further delineate and define the management capability issue so that perhaps additional guidance could be given to the Licensing Board.

No other meetings were scheduled to review the competence issue, but any additional developments in this area will be brought to your attention.

Sincerely,

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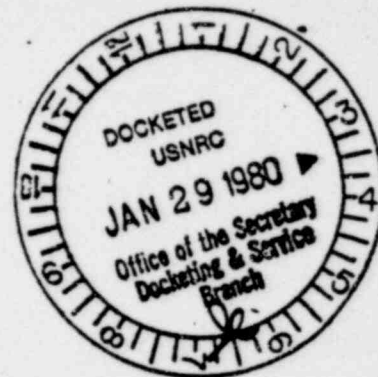
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January 10, 1980



RELATED CORRESPONDENCE

MEMORANDUM FOR: Leonard Bickwit, Jr.,
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FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary 

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF TMI UNIT 1 MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY, 2:25 P.M.,
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1980, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM,
D.C. OFFICE (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)


The Commission* was briefed by the General Counsel on whether the August 9, 1979 Commission Order and Notice of Hearing in the Matter of Metropolitan Edison Company should be modified to direct the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to begin the hearing with the management competence issue first, before it addresses other contentions. The Commission requested that the General Counsel collect individual Commissioner comments on this subject, and prepare an Order for Commission consideration.

(OGC) (SECY Suspense: 1/17/80)

*Commissioner Bradford was not in attendance.

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