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 Docket 50-289

Subject: Reportable Occurrence No. 76-36/1P

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

This telegram is to confirm the discussion between Mr. Anthony Fasano (Region I-NRC) and Mr. G. A. Kunder (Supervisor of Operations Unit 1-7M) at 0910 hours, 13 October 1976 at Three Mile Island.

A violation of the Environmental Technical Specification 2.2.2.a (Page 10) occurred in that the Plant River Water Discharge dissolved solids exceeded the limit of 700 ppm maximum on 12 October 1976, during the release of a waste neutralizing tank. Analysis of the dissolved solids in the Plant River Water Discharge on 12 October 1976 was 772 ppm. Reanalysis indicated 735 ppm. The total volume released from the Tank was approximately 51,790 gallons.

It is not precisely known what caused the incident; however, it is believed that either the Neutralizing Tank discharge valve may have opened more than the required position or the sample collected at the discharge was not truly representative. During the discharge, the valve position was personally verified to be in its correct position, so it is remotely possible, that a spurious control problem could have opened the valve further, but this can neither be confirmed nor absolutely disproved. Additionally, the sample technique is being investigated to determine the possibility of collecting a misrepresentative sample.

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Both of these possible causes will be investigated to the degree possible and any appropriate corrective action will be taken.

Very truly yours,

J. J. Colitz
Unit 1 Superintendent
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