



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

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Mr. John Lloyd  
29 Froelich Avenue  
Montville, Pennsylvania 17554

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

Your communication to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission earlier this year concerning the Three Mile Island incident is appreciated. It was forwarded to me for reply.

I apologize for not providing this response to you sooner but, as you are aware, the Commission and staff have been occupied with continued support of the efforts at Three Mile Island, Orders to other facilities, appearances before the President's Commission and various committees of Congress that are investigating the Three Mile Island accident, and the realignment of our own resources and priorities to give immediate attention to the problems resulting from the accident.

With regard to possible future operation of TMI-1, the Commission has ordered that a public hearing be conducted to determine whether the facility should be operated and, if so, under what conditions restart of the plant would take place. During the hearing, technical issues which are appropriate to assure that future plant operation will not endanger the public health and safety will be addressed. A copy of the Commission Order which outlines the issues to be considered is enclosed for your information. With regard to TMI Unit 2, it will be some time in the future before any decisions will be made on the possibility of restarting the unit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Vollmer".

Richard H. Vollmer, Director  
TMI Support Staff  
Division of Operating Reactors

Enclosure:  
Commission Order

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In the Matter of

METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY

(Three Mile Island Nuclear Station,  
Unit No. 1)

Docket No. 50-289

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING

I. The Metropolitan Edison Company (the licensee) is holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-50 which authorizes the operation of the nuclear power reactor known as Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1 (the facility or TMI-1), at steady state power levels not in excess of 2535 megawatts thermal (rated power). The facility is a Babcock and Wilcox (B&W) designed pressurized water reactor (PWR) located at the licensee's site ten miles southeast of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

II. On July 2, 1979, the Commission ordered that the facility remain in a cold shutdown condition until further order of the Commission and stated that a hearing will be conducted prior to any restart of the facility. On the basis of that hearing the Commission will determine whether any further operation will be permitted and, if so, under what conditions. The Commission herein specifies the basis for its concerns and the procedures to govern further proceedings in this matter. For the reasons later set forth, the Commission has determined that

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