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Docket Nos. 50-289/50-320

Mr. Robert C. Arnold,  
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Dear Mr. Arnold:

The purpose of this letter is to summarize the discussions that members of the NRC staff had with you and Mr. Herman Dieckamp on October 10, 1979. A list of the participants at that meeting is enclosed. The purpose of the meeting was to reaffirm our growing concerns over the lack of a suitable health physics program (HPP) at TMI and the capability of the present staffing and HPP to handle the recovery projects planned for TMI-2 and the restart program planned for TMI-1. As you know, this subject has been discussed with you and your staff many times since the accident of March 28. Although there has been some progress in upgrading the HPP at TMI, we believe that progress has been too slow to cope with the activities you anticipate over the coming months. As noted during the meeting, we believe there are three major items that deserve your immediate attention:

1. There is a need for a total management commitment to make health physics an integral part of the recovery and restart program and not a service provided on an as-needed basis. This commitment has to be conveyed to both the supervisory work force including all contractor personnel at TMI-1 and TMI-2. We believe that upper level management is committed to such a program, but in our opinion, the work force does not have this same degree of commitment.
2. There is a need to define and document a radiation protection plan that will satisfy the requirements of 10 CFR Part 20 and the guidance given in Regulatory Guide 8.8 and one that recognizes the uniqueness of the recovery and restart programs. The plan must also implement the ALARA concepts set forth in these documents.
3. There is a need to develop, implement and maintain a training program for contractor-supplied health physics personnel to assure that these individuals are qualified and trained in pertinent plant procedures in order to perform their assigned tasks.

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	YOU HAVE	ongoing, or recently initiated, in an effort to upgrade the health physics			
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program at TMI.

1. You are continuing your search for an individual with management skills and a strong technical background, but not necessarily in the field of health physics, to direct the overall HPP at TMI. We endorse and support this effort.
2. You shared with us the fact that during the past several weeks you have engaged two highly qualified health physics consultants to perform an indepth management and technical appraisal of the HPP and the interfaces this program has with ongoing and planned recovery and restart programs. We endorse and support your efforts in this appraisal.

As noted at the conclusion of our meeting, we are prepared to assist you and your staff in defining and structuring a sound health physics program at TMI.

Sincerely,

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