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Office of Inspection and Enforcement Mr. B. H. Grier, Director Region 1 U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 631 Park Avenue King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Dear Sir:

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Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2 (TMI-2) Operating License No. DPR-73 Docket No. 50-320

Enclosed please find our response to Inspection Report 50-320/79-15.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure *

Notice of Violation

Infraction A

10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion V, states: "Activities affecting quality shall be prescribed by documented instructions...and shall be accomplished in accordance with these instructions..."

Licensee Procedure 1410-Y-26 states in paragraph 6.2.1: "Area Preparation: Shall be clear of a "umulations of combustibles such as trash, rags, etc."

Contrary to the above on May 30, 1979 combustible trash and unnecessary lumber were accumulated in the fuel storage area while major modifications were underway.

This item is considered to be an infraction.

Corrective Action A

The Superintendent of Construction, during this phase of Unit II recovery, has been instructed to ensure compliance with Maintenance Procedure 1410-Y-26, "Welding and Cutting Procedure for Fire Safety". The area identified in the infraction was restored to acceptable conditions when identified by Mr. Koltay. Subsequent inspections by plant personnel have shown this situation to be acceptable.

Infraction B

10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion V, states: "Activities affecting quality shall be prescribed by documented instructions...and shall be accomplished in accordance with these instructions..."

Licensee Procedure 1410-Y-26 states in paragraph 6.2.7: "Appropriate fire extinguishers shall be readily accessible at the work location".

Contrary to the above on May 30, 1979 welding operations were in progress in the fuel storage area without fire extinguishers in the area.

This item is considered to be an infraction.

Corrective Action B

Responsible personnel have reinforced the welding and cutting permit program in the plant. Subsequent inspections of welding and cutting operations show this item to be in compliance. To further reduce the possibility of reccurance, fire extinguishers are now issued with the weld rod for welding jobs.