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September 26, 1979

George Frampton, Esquire
NRC/TMI Special Inquiry Group
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear George:

cc
Jim Snell
Fred Drasner
OK 10/2/79
mfp

Jim Snell of your staff called me yesterday to request a copy of a recent Met-Ed document describing the dissemination of industry experience reports within the Company. I am enclosing a memorandum dated August 27, 1979 from R. S. Harbin to Don Reppert on the subject. To complete your information in this area, I am enclosing a copy of a letter and enclosures dated August 30, 1979 from Robert Arnold of Met-Ed to Chairman John G. Kemeny of the President's Commission on the Accident at Three Mile Island. This letter outlines the extent to which relevant industry experience reports were available to Met-Ed and GPUSC prior to the March 28, 1979 accident.

Mr. Snell also requested a copy of a memorandum written by David F. Limroth of Met-Ed regarding the size of the TMI Unit 2 pressurizer. I am informed, however, that no such document was ever prepared.

Sincerely,

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Matias F. Travieso-Diaz

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Enclosure

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Subject GORB ITEM 31, COMMUNICATIONS OF INCIDENTS/EVENTS BETWEEN REACTOR PLANTS Location TMI-1 Nuclear Station
Middletown, PA 17057

To DON REPERT

Date 27 August 1979

Re: July 12, 1979, G. P. Miller to D. Reppert subject memo:

Page two of the above referenced memo lists several methods used by the Met-Ed staff to gain an awareness of incidents and events at other nuclear plants that may be applicable to TMI. The purpose of this memo is to outline the past flowpath (in Unit #1) by which this awareness was established.

Group A

NRC Bulletins, Circulars and Notices - Reviews are performed by the Unit Superintendent Unit Superintendent-Technical Support and by cognizant engineers. The Unit Superintendent-Technical Support determines whether Licensing or TMI will respond (if necessary) and what action will be taken.

LERs - Old Method

List of industry LERs (approximately 100-150) contained in every third or fourth bi-weekly Atomic Energy Clearing House (see Group B below) routed to all Lead Engineers who review for applicability to TMI.

Group B

Current Events - Power Reactors/Operating Experiences - These are ~ bi-monthly NRC publications (see attached). They are mailed directly to the Unit #1 Superintendent and reviewed by the Superintendent's assistant for possible applicability to TMI and routed to appropriate Engineers/Department Heads. The routed originals of most issues since March 1, 1979 are on file in the Unit #1 Superintendent's office.

Federal Register - A subscription is maintained by the TMI Staff and registers are reviewed by myself for the station. This review involves a 5 - 20 minute review of the Table of Contents for categories such as Economic Regulatory Admin, Energy Dept, EPA, Federal Emergency Management Agency, FERC, NRC, OSHA and the TMI Accident Presidential Commission. Any notices of potential interest to the staff are then routed to the appropriate Engineer or Dept. Head. Non-routed issues are discarded as are those that have been routed.

Atomic Energy Clearing House - This bi-weekly document usually has four major sections (every third or fourth issue additionally has an LER section). They are:

1. Six to eight articles presenting recent speech, paper, etc., excerpts of industry, academic and political leaders.
2. Descriptions of (all?) NRC inspection infractions describing the illegal infraction and the licensee response to it.
3. Brief descriptions of all NRC authorized amendments to commercial power reactor licensees.

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4. Recent significant industry announcements/occurrences.

This periodical is mailed directly to me and I review the cover sheet for articles of interest in Section #1 and in greater detail Sections 2, 3 and 4 for applicability to the station. This review takes approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour. I then route the periodical to appropriate Department Heads and Engineers for more detailed review and action where appropriate (see attached). The last person, to whom the periodical is always routed, is N. D. Brown, Training Dept. who reviews it for possible incorporation into established training programs.

Group C

Personal contact with other plants - no comment.

Personal contact with NRC inspectors - no comment.

Professional Organization - no comment.

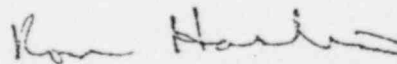
Participation in meetings such as B&W Users/B&W Owners - Only comment is that past representation of Met-Ed has been somewhat sparse.

B&W Weekly Newsletter - Received by Unit Superintendent and reviewed by his assistant. Items of potential interest to the Unit #1 Staff are highlighted and the newsletter is routed to appropriate Department Heads. The originals are not maintained after routing. A new computerized system (implemented the week of March 1, 1979) will list failures at other B&W plants, by component.

B&W Internal Problem Report System - no comment.

I will not comment on our proficiency at ensuring a thorough and complete investigation of any of these documents except to say that I am sure that improvements could be made (some have since the accident) in most areas.

Should you have any questions concerning the above descriptions or desire additional detail, please call me.



R. S. HARBIN
Technical Analyst

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Attachments

cc: N. D. Brown
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Subject TMI Station - GORB Item 31 - Communication of
Incidents/Events between Reactor Plants

Location TMI Nuclear Station
Middletown, PA 17057

Date July 12, 1979

To D. Reppert - GPUSC
Licensing Engineer

Item 31 was generally discussed at the July 1979 meeting with the notation that it would be covered at future meetings.

This item has a broad scope and, for your information, I am providing my list of communication vehicles which presently exist. Each of these vehicles has a route path, and, in some cases, formal actions are assigned.

I feel that considerable homework must be done to properly present and evaluate this item. The industry committees, plus the many investigations, are driving to separate conclusions on this same subject, and, as much as practical, we should coordinate.

G.P. Miller (all)
G.P. Miller
Station Manager

GPM:b11

cc: J.L. Seelinger
J.B. Logan
J.R. Thorpe
1 - GORB File
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POOR ORIGINAL

I. Group A

NRC Bulletins
NRC Circulars
NRC Info. Notices
LER

Old Method
Proposed Method

1. Computerize failures to Supts. - Ops - Ld. Engrs.

II. Group B

Current Events - PWR Reactors (NRC Issues)
Federal Register
Clearing House Weekly Summaries of NRC Docket
OPERATING EXPERIENCE Publications by NRC

III. Group C

Personal contact with other Units
Personal contact with NRC Inspectors
Professional Organizations - eg. - ASME - EEI - PEA

Participation in meetings such as B&W Users - B&W Owners
B&W News Letter
B&W Internal Problem Report System

INFO NOT USED

NRA REPORTING SYSTEM
NRC GRAY BOOK