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Mr. Edgar A. Cadwallader
LICON Washington Representative
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Dear Mr. Cadwallader:

Thank you for your letter to Commissioner Hendrie, which was referred to me for response, concerning a mailgram you sent last April. The heavy workload associated with the accident at Three Mile Island and its consequences accounts for why the mailgram was not answered.

The liquid waste disposal equipment you described should be proposed to Metropolitan Edison Company. Metropolitan Edison, rather than the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, is responsible for equipment that safely handles radioactive waste water. As a regulatory agency, the NRC reviews equipment selected by the utilities to ensure that the plants are constructed and operated safely.

We appreciate your interest in cleanup operations at Three Mile Island.

Sincerely,

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Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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