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Dear Mr. Strickler:

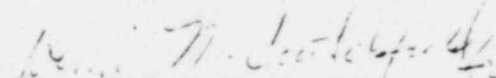
Your letter to the Commission regarding the use of the EPICOR-II water treatment system at the Three Mile Island nuclear station has been referred to me for response.

The Commission recently authorized use of this system for processing the waste water stored in tanks in the auxiliary building. We do not currently permit the discharge of water processed by the EPICOR-II system. The disposal of the water processed by EPICOR-II will be addressed in a separate environmental assessment, as required by the Commission's Statement of May 25, 1979. Copies of the environmental assessment will be made available for public comment. As Metropolitan Edison has not yet submitted a proposal on the disposal method of the decontaminated water, we have yet to prepare the environmental assessment. We anticipate that several months will pass before any decisions are made on disposal of the water.

The licensee to date has not made a formal proposal to NRC on the method it expects to use for decontamination of the contaminated water in the reactor building sump and of the primary coolant in the reactor coolant system. We expect the licensee to submit a proposal early this year. As soon as we receive a formal proposal, we will prepare an environmental assessment.

We appreciate your concerns and assure you that every effort is being made to ensure the continued protection of the health and safety of the public.

Sincerely,


Richard H. Vollmer, Director
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