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Mr. Jack Roe  
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Units I and II (TMI-1 and TMI-2)  
Operating License Nos. DPR-50 and DPR-73  
Docket Nos. 50-285 and 50-320  
Emergency Planning Section

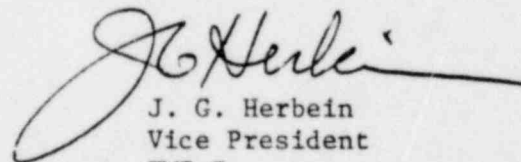
Pursuant to discussions held at our recent meetings, Metropolitan Edison would like to take this opportunity to clarify the role of the tonal alert in the prompt notification system.

It is our understanding that the standard market weather alert unit is satisfactory. As you are aware, these units are in a monitor phase and are activated by a special radio tone. Additionally, the units have an on-off switch and can be deactivated by the holder.

Metropolitan Edison feels the provision of such a unit is sufficient regardless of the deactivating switch. This on-off switch is not understood to be an eliminating factor within the guidelines of NUREG 0654 Appendix 3 which states "A system which requires the recipient to turn on a radio before a signal is received is not acceptable."

If there should be any difficulty in the NRC concurring with our interpretation of this section, please contact Mr. George Giangl of my staff.

Sincerely,



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