



Metropolitan Edison Company
Post Office Box 480
Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057
717 944-4041

Writer's Direct Dial Number

August 4, 1980
TLL 364

Office of Inspection and Enforcement
Attn: B. H. Grier, Director
Region I
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Dear Sir:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit I (TMI-1)
Operating License No. DPR-50
Docket No. 50-289
Radiation Emergency Exercise

During the Radiation Emergency Exercise conducted at Three Mile Island Nuclear Station on July 16, 1980, a problem was encountered concerning the use of the Emergency Notification System (ENS) phone line. Although the ENS functioned properly for the initial notification of an emergency condition, use of the ENS became uncertain when an attempt to patch in Region I was made. Observers reported fading on the line and considerable background noise making accurate information transfers questionable. In an attempt to circumvent the problem, a commercial Bell System line was tried with the same resulting problems. In considering the importance of the ENS, it is felt that these problems should be brought to your attention for timely resolution.

Additionally, per March 14, 1980 letter to D. Haverkamp, we have recommended that (1) a microphone headset be made available for connection to the ENS phone in the Control Room and Shift Supervisor's office to allow mobility of the ENS phonetalker and (2) the ENS and HPN telephones in the Near-Site Emergency Operations Facility be equipped with wall jacks. These phones may then be stored in the Radiation Emergency Storage Locker thereby preventing inadvertent use.

Sincerely,

Signed J. G. Herbein

J. G. Herbein
Vice President
TMI-I

A00/
S
1/0

JGH:GJG:lma

cc: J. T. Collins
D. Haverkamp

C. Gallina

8003060 209