

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

March 20, 1990

The Honorable Edward J. Markey United States House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Markey:

In view of the interest you expressed in previous correspondence regarding the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) oversight of TMI Action Plan item implementation by our licensees, I am writing to provide you the latest information available to me on the status of this effort. This information reflects the NRC staff's most recent review of licensee actions and commitments in this area and is current through February 1990. A copy of the staff's February 22, 1990 report to the Commission on this matter is enclosed.

Over 98 percent of the TMI Action Plan requirements have been implemented at the 113 currently licensed facilities. Of 19,436 possible TMI Action Plan items, 13,744 were found applicable when reviewed against each licensed reactor. These figures have increased since our last report to you as a result of the addition of Limerick 2 to the list of licensed reactors. Of the currently applicable items, 13,537 have been implemented. Only 207 remain open, a reduction of 18 percent from the 254 open items identified in the Commission's June 1989 letter to you. About 70 percent of the remaining 207 open items are expected to be implemented by the end of Calendar Year 1991.

From a plant perspective, the TMI Action Plan has been fully implemented at 24 of the 113 licensed facilities. Six plants account for about one third of the remaining open items: Browns Ferry 1, 2, and 3 (53 items), Salem 1 and 2 (10 items), and San Onofre 1 (6 items). In addition, two plants, Rancho Seco (3 items) and Shoreham (4 items) have indefinitely suspended all TMI item schedular commitments in conjunction with the decision to cease operations. The remaining 81 facilities have from 1 to 4 unimplemented items.

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Although significant progress has been made in implementing TMI Action Plan requirements since June 1989, continued effort is needed to resolve the remaining open items. I can assure you that the NRC will continue to monitor closely licensee actions and commitments at facilities with unimplemented items. I plan to provide you periodic status reports on this effort until implementation of all TMI Action Plan items has been satisfactorily completed.

Sincerely,

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