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Office of Inspection and Enforcement Attn: Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director Region I U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 631 Park Avenue King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Dear Sir:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2 (TMI-2)
Operating License No. DPR-73
Docket No. 50-320
IE Bulletin 79-21

This is in response to IE Bulletin 79-21 and is being submitted subsequent to our letter of July 9, 1980 (TLL 335).

The subject bulletin, "Temperature Effects on Level Measurements" concerns the effects of increased containment ambient temperature on the accuracy of water level measurements in the steam generators. The concerns are based on two (2) conditions: 1) that the level sensing device(s) is(are) internal to the containment, and 2) that the containment atmospheric temperature increases substantially, as it would during a high energy line break.

The Unit 2 facility utilized, during normal operation, an inside containment level sensing system; however, the system being used during the recovery is external to the containment and is, therefore, not susceptible to the conditions described in this bulletin. Therefore, this bulletin is determined to be not applicable to TMI-2 in the Recovery Mode and is classified as a long-term item, as defined in our letter of May 29, 1980 (TLL 247).

Sincerely,

Director, TMI-2

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cc: John T. Collins Bernard J. Snyder

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