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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attn: R. W. Reid, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 4
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (TMI-1)
Operating License No. DPR-50
Docket No. 50-289
Implementation of Three Mile Island
Unit 1 Emergency Plan

This letter is written in response to your letter of November 5, 1980, to indicate the current status of emergency planning for TMI Unit 1, and to convey Met-Ed's intent concerning implementation of the revised plan.

The most recent submittal of the TMI Unit 1 Emergency Plan (Revision 2) is being reviewed and revised to assure compliance with the revision to 10CFR50 on Emergency Planning (45 FR 55402) and the final version of NUREG 0654. This process will be completed to permit compliance with the requirement to submit the upgraded plan (Revision 3) by January 2, 1981. A complete review and revision of relevant implementing procedures has been undertaken and a formal training program is being developed.

Based on informal staff assessments of the current submittal and coordination of the responses to the twenty-three NRC staff questions, Met-Ed considers revision 3 of the TMI Unit 1 Emergency Plan to be significantly better than revision 2 which was found to be acceptable for implementation per your letter of November 5, 1980. Recognizing that selected minor shortcomings remain to be corrected, Met-Ed, nonetheless, considers that implementation of the plan will represent an upgrade of site emergency preparedness. Thus, Met-Ed intends to implement the plan on January 2, 1981, coincidental with submission to the NRC, and to be in full compliance with the revised implementation schedule outlined in NRC letter, September 30, 1980, R. W. Reid to R. C. Arnold.

Sincerely,

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