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Docket No. 50-289

GPU Nuclear Corporation ATTN: Mr. H. D. Hukill

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SUBJECT: REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM EVALUATION REPORT No. 50-289/89-20(OLRO)

During the weeks of November 6 and 13, 1989, the NRC conducted an evaluation of the requalification program in place at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1, by administering examinations to employees of your company who operate TMI-1. The evaluation was conducted in accordance with NUREG-1021, Operator Licensing Examiner Standards, ES-601, "Administration of NRC

Licensing Examiner Standards, ES-601, "Administration of NRC Requalification Program Evaluations." The evaluation had two purposes: (1) to evaluate the effectiveness of the licensed operator requalification training program in maintaining the competency of the licensed operators, and (2) to examine the individual operators to determine if they would satisfy the regulatory requirement of passing an NRC administered examination prior to license renewal. At the conclusion of the evaluation, generic findings that evolved were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

As evaluated by the NRC, all four of the crews passed the simulator portion of the examination and nineteen of the twenty operators passed all portions of the examination. As a result of our evaluation, the requalification program at TMI-1 has been assigned an overall rating of satisfactory. The evaluation was conducted in accordance with the criteria established in NUREG-1021, as cited above. The operator who failed the examination was immediately removed from licensed duties and assigned to an upgrade training program designed to address the individual weaknesses identified. His return to licensed duties may resume after a satisfactory reexamination by your staff.

In accordance with 10CFR2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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No reply to this letter is required. Should you have any question regarding this evaluation or the associated examinations, please contact the undersigned at 215/337-5291.

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Enclosure: Requalification Program Evaluation Report No. 50-289/89-20(OLRQ) w/Attachments 1, 2, 3, & 4:

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