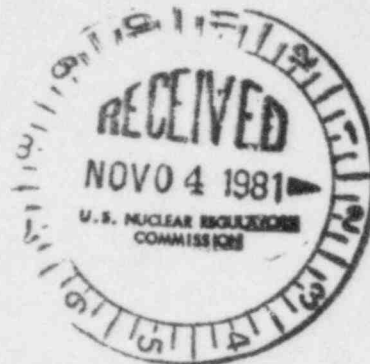


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Docket No. 50-289

Metropolitan Edison Company  
ATTN: Mr. H. D. Hukill  
Vice President and Director of TMI-1  
P. O. Box 480  
Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057



Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 50-289/81-21

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. N. Blumberg of this office on July 20-24 and 27-31, 1981 of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-50 at Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. N. Blumberg with Messrs. B. Ballard and C. Smyth and other members of the GPU Nuclear Staff at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station Unit 1, and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection, and to a subsequent telephone discussion between Mr. N. Blumberg and Mr. J. Colitz of your staff on August 5, 1981.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. This item of non-compliance has been categorized into the levels described in the Federal Register Notice (45 FR 66754) dated October 7, 1980. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractors) believe to be exempt from disclosure under 10 CFR 9.5(a)(4), it is necessary that you (a) notify this office by telephone within ten (10) days from the date of this letter of your intention to file a request for withholding; and (b) submit within 25 days from the date of this letter a written application to this office to withhold such information. Consistent with section 2.790(b)(1),

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any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a full statement of the reasons on the basis which it is claimed that the information should be withheld from public disclosure. This section further requires the statement to address with specificity the considerations listed in 10 CFR 2.790(b)(4). The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit.

If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified periods noted above, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room. The telephone notification of your intent to request withholding, or any request for an extension of the 10 day period which you believe necessary, should be made to the Supervisor, Files, Mail and Records, USNRC Region I, at (215) 337-5223.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed Off*

R. R. Keimig, Chief  
Projects Branch #2, Division of  
Resident and Project Inspection

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection  
Report Number 50-289/81-21

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