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Mr. Amos J. Bontrager 4024 McHenry Avenue, Sp. 33 Modesto, California 95356

Dear Mr. Bontrager:

Enclosure.

I am writing in response to your suggestions for decontaminating the water at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station. The accident and its consequences have created a substantial increase in the agency's workload, which has prevented me from responding to you as promptly as I would have liked.

NRC has prepared a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for public comment on the decontamination and disposal of radioactive wastes resulting from the TMI-2 accident. The PEIS, a copy of which is enclosed for your information, focuses on the environmental issues and alternative methods associated with the performance of these cleanup activities, including alternative methods for disposing of the decontaminated water.

I appreciate your suggestion and your concerns and assure you that every effort is being made to ensure the continued protection of the health and safety of the public, not only at the Three Mile Island Station, but also at all nuclear power plants.

Sincerely,

Bernard J. Snyder, Program Director Three Mile Island Program Office Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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