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Mr. R. C. Haynes, Regional Administrator U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region I 631 Park Avenue King of Prussia, PA 19406

Dear Sir:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (TMI-1)
Operating Licensee No. DPR-50
Docket No. 50-289
LER 82-012

This telecopy is to confirm the conversation between R. Conte, NRC and M. A. Nelson at 1545 hours on September 2, 1982. The event described below was declared reportable at 1430 hours this date.

At 1430 hours on September 2, 1982, it was determined that the Technical Specification, 3.21.1 Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) was not being met for the station effluent line monitor setpoints (RML-7), in that the setpoints were not determined in accordance with the Offsite Dose Calculation Manual (ODCM) to ensure that the limits of 10 CFR 20, Appendix B, Table II, Column 2 and the Limits of Specification 3.22.1.1 are not exceeded. However, all releases of radioactive effluents from TMI-1 are controlled upstream of RML-7 with appropriate radiation monitors and sampling techniques described in TMI-1 Technical Specifications.

Technical Specification 3.21.1 was, therefore, considered to be violated since the setpoints on RML-7 were not set in accordance with the ODCM and that the action statement of the LCO was not performed. This event is considered reportable within 24 hours in accordance with Technical Specification 6.9.2.A.2.

Corrective action for this event is to set the setpoints on RML-7 in accordance with the calculational methods as described in the ODCM in order to comply with the LCO in section 3.21.1

The details of this occurrence and the corrective action to prevent the recurrence will be provided within 14 days.

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