



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20545

December 18, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: William J. Dircks
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Nunzio J. Palladino *NJP*

SUBJECT: DOE FUNDING RELATED TO TMI-2 CLEANUP

Last evening I received the following information, based on a phone call from Mr. Philip Clark, of GPU Nuclear, to a member of my staff:

- ° OMB has zeroed out the expected \$14 million TMI-2 R&D funding for FY 87;
- ° Without this funding the \$18 million expected from Japan and other funding may not be received and the whole funding plan may unravel.

Please look into the TMI-2 funding situation and provide, by December 27, 1985, a rough estimate of the impact of the above funding reductions on the TMI-2 cleanup program. Also, please make whatever recommendations for Commission action that you may see fit regarding this matter.

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Commissioner Asselstine
Commissioner Bernthal
Commissioner Zech
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2 FOREIGN PARTICIPATION IN THE CLEAN-UP PROGRAM
AT THE THREE-MILE ISLAND - UNIT 2 REACTOR

1. NRC HAS WRITTEN TO THE SIXTEEN COUNTRIES WITH WHICH IT HAS ACTIVE REGULATORY INFORMATION EXCHANGE ARRANGEMENTS TO ADVISE EACH OF THEM OF AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEND ONE STAFF MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLEANUP OF THE THREE MILE ISLAND - UNIT 2 REACTOR. THE NRC LETTERS STATED THAT METROPOLITAN EDISON, THE UTILITY OPERATOR OF TMI-2, WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT A LIMITED NUMBER OF QUALIFIED RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO BE ASSIGNED WITHIN THE NET ED STAFF OF THE SITE. THEY ALSO NOTED THAT NOMINEES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR ASSIGNMENTS OF AT LEAST SIX MONTHS AND THAT NRC WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO OFFER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARD THE SALARY OR EXPENSES OF THE ASSIGNEES. HOWEVER, BASED ON INFORMAL INFORMATION FROM J. HARD AND T. HAMMOND OF THE IAEA STAFF, NRC INDICATED IN ITS LETTERS TO THREE COUNTRIES (S. KOREA, BRAZIL AND GREECE) THAT IT WOULD RECOMMEND SUPPORT UNDER THE IAEA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR THEIR NOMINEES.

2. THE MISSION IS REQUESTED TO CONSULT WITH THE AGENCY STAFF WITH REGARD TO THE PROCEDURE WHICH NRC AND INTERESTED

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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD USE TO REQUEST AGENCY FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE. TO DATE, ONE COUNTRY (GREECE) HAS INDICATED AN INTEREST IN IAEA FELLOWSHIP FUNDING OF AN ASSIGNEE TO TMI-2. IN THEIR MESSAGE TO NRC THEY ASKED WHETHER SUCH IAEA SUPPORT WOULD COME THROUGH THE REGULAR IAEA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM OR WOULD BE FROM A SPECIAL PROGRAM SET UP FOR THE PURPOSE. YV

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