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May 8, 1980 TLL 213

TMI Program Office Attn: J. T. Collins, Deputy Program Manager U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission c/o Three Mile Island Nuclear Station Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057

Dear Sir:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit II (TMI-2) Operating License No. DPR-73 Docket No. 50-320 EPICOR-II Resin Solidification Testing Program

In your letter of April 25, 1980 (NRC/TMI-80-073) you requested that Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) and NRC personnel be authorized to witness qualification testing by the Hittman Nuclear Development Corporation (HNDC) of solidification of EPICOR-II waste. We welcome your participation in this project, and we have confirmed with HNDC that NRC and BNL representatives will be permitted to observe the testing. We do, however, recommend that NRC and BNL participation be effected as follows:

- 1) If possible, only one (1) representative each from NRC and BNL should be present for any given test. This is due to very limited space facilities at HNDC which precludes assembly of a large group.
- 2) The initial screening test scheduled for next week would seem to be of much less interest to NRC and BNL personnel than the primary test program and the full scale testing. We will keep you informed as to the progress and results of the screening tests and the schedule for primary and full scale testing.
- 3) As you know, these tests are being conducted by HNDC, under contract to and at the direction of GPU. It is important that this relationship be maintained, and we must insist that the role of the NRC and BNL personnel in attendance be limited to that of observers.

Please make all arrangements for whatever testings you wish to observe through Mr. Arshad Nawaz of my staff at (717) 948-8303.

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REMARKS

Attached is a letter received from Met-Ed on May 8, 1980, TLL 213, which is in response to our letter of April 25, 1980, subject, EPICOR Resin Solidification Testing Program. Please note that although Met-Ed welcomes our participation in the testing program, they have set forth certain ground rules. I would appreciate your timely review of the attached letter and a draft response containing any comments you wish to make.

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