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MEMORANDUM FOR: John T. Collins, Deputy Director, TMI Support  
FROM: H. B. Kister, Acting Chief Resident Inspector  
SUBJECT: TMI RECOVERY OPERATIONS OFFICE

I have become increasingly concerned about the inordinate amount of time being spent by the on-site NRC core staff on activities not in direct support of our primary mission, which is assuring protection of the health and safety of the public.

The already difficult and complex effort of dealing with our daily tasks is being aggravated by problems associated with the continual rotation of key personnel, access problems associated with continuing changes in the licensee's security and badging system, and by the lack of a sense of permanency of the On-Site Office.

The increasing amount of activity in the Unit 1 Restart Program is demanding that we spend more time reviewing this area. The pressures related to dealing with the increasing water problems in Unit 2, along with the efforts to install the Mini DHR System, Containment Entry planning, and followup of previously identified problems in the Health Physics area require that our attention be directed more to these areas. The limited resources of the present core staff are being sorely pressed to carry out these responsibilities in an efficient manner. In this regard there is an urgent need to accelerate the announcement of positions and the selection and assignment of the permanent staff to the TMI Recovery Operations Office. Prompt attention to this matter should relieve some of the problems associated with rotating personnel.

To further alleviate some of the administrative load it is necessary that the NRC offices that support the TMI effort assume more of the responsibilities associated with planned visits, such as, interfacing with appropriate licensee personnel to arrange for access, setting up meeting times, etc. The on-site staff, of course, still needs to be cognizant of and concur in all visits.

It is requested that this matter be given priority attention to provide additional assurance that the available resources are being properly applied to managing the technical aspects of the Unit 2 recovery operations and the Unit 1 Restart Program.

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