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Docket No. 50-289

Mr. T. Gary Broughton
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Dear Mr. Broughton:

The NRC is in the process of conducting Operational Safeguards Response Evaluations (OSREs) at nuclear power reactors. The Three Mile Island Nuclear Station has been chosen for such a review, scheduled for the week of July 18-22, 1994.

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An OSRE team includes a nuclear systems engineer, reactor safeguards specialist, and at least two U.S. Army Special Forces personnel. Additional assistance is provided by an inspector from the NRC regional office and the NRC resident inspector.

The first day onsite begins with an entrance briefing, which will provide an overview of the team's objectives and anticipated activities for the duration of the visit. Any licensee questions on methodology or other matters are then addressed so that a common understanding can be reached. Also, the suggested schedule for the onsite activities is discussed and key licensee contact persons are identified. It is through these contact persons that arrangements are made for knowledgeable licensee personnel to escort the team members during the review.

After the entrance briefing, the OSRE team takes a general orientation tour of the protected area perimeter. Following the orientation tour, the team will meet with appropriate site security, operations, and/or engineering staff to select and walk-down potential sets of targets to be used in response drills and table-top exercises. The team will observe a response drill or drills, which should be conducted using normal drill procedures and participants. The OSRE team participation in the drills will be limited to scenario selection and drill observation. The team will also conduct several table-top response exercises with response team leaders. Additionally, the team will interview training staff and observe weapons familiarity and proficiency. The team

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Please provide appropriate plant personnel support for the OSRE team during the scheduled evaluation. Specifically, the team systems engineer will need an individual familiar with safety equipment location and functional capabilities, and the other team members will require escorts familiar with the security program. The team will make every effort to schedule its activities so as to avoid disruption of normal plant operations. The time that various team members spend onsite may vary, but generally will range from six to eight hours per day. Some of this time is expected to be during evening hours.

If you have any questions regarding the conduct of the OSRE program which you wish to have answered prior to the team's visit, please contact David Orrik of our Headquarters Reactor Safeguards Branch at (301) 504-3213, or Gregory Smith of the Region I staff at (610) 337-5263.

We will inform you at a later date of the identity of the OSRE team members. Your cooperation in this evaluation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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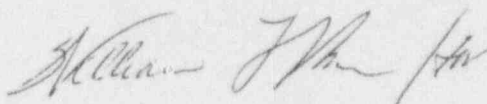
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