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Department of Energy Brookhaven Area Office Upton, New York 11973 516-345-3430

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Mr. John G. Herbein Vice-President - Met-Ed Metropolitan Edison Company P.O. Box 542 Reading, Pennsylvania 19603

Dear Mr. Herbein:

SUBJECT: METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY

Since your nuclear facility is located in Region I, the Brookhaven Area Office is charged with the responsibility for providing radiological assistance in the event of an emergency. Such assistance can be requested at all times by calling 516-345-2200 and asking for radiological assistance indicating the nature of the incident, the location, and how to contact authorities to coordinate our response.

The Department of Energy (DOE) will respond to requests for radiological assistance from licensees, Federal, state and local agencies, private organizations, or individuals involved in or cognizant of an incident believed to involve source, byproduct, or special nuclear material as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, or other ionizing radiation sources.

Unless the DOE or a DOE contractor is responsible for the activity, ionizing radiation source, or radioactive material involved in an incident, DOE radiological assistance will be limited to advice and emergency action essential for the control of the immediate hazards to health and safety. Radiological emergency assistance will be terminated as soon as the emergency situation is under control. Therefore, responsibility for postincident recovery, including further action for the protection of individuals and the public health and safety, should be assumed by the appropriate responsible Federal, state of local government, or private authority as soon as the emergency conditions are stabilized.

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Very truly yours,

Robert Friess

Technical Assistant to the Area Manager

cc: B. H. Grier, Office of Inspection & Enforcement, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region I

G. P. Dix, Division of Operational and Environmental Safety, HQ