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August 20, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Richard H. Vollmer, Director, TMI Support, NRR
FROM: Boyce H. Grier, Director
SUBJECT: STAFFING OF TMI RESIDENT OFFICE

Consistent with our agreements during discussions at the meeting held with Mr. Stello in his office on August 8, 1979, I am making a number of changes in the assignment of IE personnel to the TMI site. It is now my understanding that NRR has the lead responsibility for all NRC activities at TMI and that IE is to provide support to NRR rather than to independently carry out an inspection and enforcement effort. The changes I am making are in line with this understanding.

In the near future, the IE Health Physics staff will be reduced to two individuals. These individuals will be supplied by the regional offices on a rotating basis (schedule attached) and will take direction from the senior IE representative on site, who in turn will be under the supervision of the senior NRC site representative. The IE reactor operations inspection staff will also be reduced from seven inspectors to five inspectors, with two supplied by Regions II thru V on a rotating basis.

With regard to the NRC environmental surveillance effort at TMI:

1. As of August 17, 1979, the environmental coordinator and surveyor positions at TMI will no longer be manned;
2. the NRC TMI environmental program will be reduced by August 17, 1979 to the TLD program with scheduled monthly readings, and to three fixed air sampling locations. These samples will be collected weekly by the NRC HP's in accordance with an issued instruction; and
3. by August 22, 1979 the NRC Mobile Laboratory will have been phased out of the program and will return to the Regional office.

This reduction will necessitate changes in the present NRC in-plant sampling program and in the TMI on-site point-of-contact for other agencies for priority information and contingencies. Samples collected for independent NRC analyses will either be analyzed by the DOE Idaho RESL Mobile Laboratory on site, Region I Laboratory or at other DOE facilities.

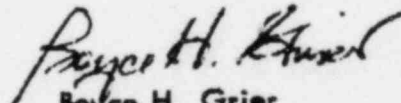
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The removal of the on-site NRC environmental positions necessitates that the NRC point-of-contact for other agencies be changed. The logical choice for the new point-of-contact is the senior NRC representative, or his on-site designee. This individual will have to ensure that the other on-site federal agency representatives (EPA and HEW) are informed of significant happenings on a prompt basis. These events should, as a minimum, include any radioactive release exceeding a Tech-Spec or other regulatory limit and any event provoking or likely to provoke media and/or public interest, such as contamination incidents, radioactive releases on site, spills, etc. This information also needs to be provided to the Region I office and the Pennsylvania DER. If the urgency of the events warrant, these notifications should be made promptly, otherwise, the Regional office can assist in providing the necessary notifications.

Should the incident be of such magnitude that environmental support needs be summoned to the site immediately, contact should be made to the Region I office (215) 337-5000- and to EPA on-site representative. The EPA on-site representative will coordinate environmental surveys performed by his personnel, based on information provided by the NRC on-site representative until NRC support arrives (probably within 3 hours).

Further details as to the contingency notification/implementation will be contained in the EPA Environmental Surveillance Plan when it is finalized.

If you have questions on these matters, please let us know. Further planned reduction in IE resources at TMI will await your determination of needs for the long term.


Boyce H. Grier
Director

Enclosure:
As stated

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TOURS OF DUTY FOR STAFFING OF TMI RESIDENT OFFICE

	<u>Health Physicist</u>	<u>Reactor OPS Inspector</u>
8/21 - 8/30/79	RII	RIV
8/23 - 9/6/79	RIV	RII
8/30 - 9/13/79	RV	RIII
9/6 - 9/20/79	RIII	RV
9/13 - 9/27/79	RV	RII
9/20 - 10/4/79	RIII	RIV
9/27 - 10/11/79	RI	RV
10/4 - 10/18/79	RII	RIII
10/11 - 10/25/79	RI	RIV
10/18 - 11/1/79	RII	RIII
10/25 - 11/8/79	RV	RII
11/1 - 11/15/79	RIII	RV
11/8 - 11/22/79	RV	RIV
11/15 - 11/29/79	RIII	RII
11/22 - 12/6/79	RII	RIII
11/29 - 12/13/79	RI	RV
12/6 - 12/20/79	RII	RIII
12/13 - 12/27/79	RI	RII

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