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Docket/License: 50-289/DPR-50

Mr. T. Gary Broughton
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Dear Mr. Broughton:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-289/94-09

This letter transmits the findings of the resident safety inspection conducted by Ms. M. Evans and Mr. D. Beaulieu from May 17, 1994 - June 27, 1994, at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station Unit 1. The inspection consisted of document reviews, personnel interviews and observations of activities important to the health and safety of the public. The inspectors discussed the findings with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. Inspector observations during this report period indicate that activities were conducted safely and conservatively.

Overall, your on-site response during the Annual Emergency Preparedness Exercise was acceptable. However, the approximately one hour delay in recognizing that plant conditions warranted upgrading the emergency classification to an Alert is considered to be a significant weakness. One of the primary objectives of an exercise is to demonstrate the ability of control room personnel to recognize (by plant simulator indications) that emergency action levels have been reached and implement the emergency plan.

This report discusses a violation which is not being cited because our review found that this issue was promptly raised to management attention, was of low safety significance, and was followed up with prompt and effective corrective actions. A worker who was decontaminating piping failed to meet the Radiation Work Permit protective clothing requirements when she treated an area as decontaminated before it was radiologically surveyed and released by a Radiological Controls Technician. Our decision to not cite this item is based on the NRC enforcement policy goal of encouraging licensees to aggressively and thoroughly pursue self-identification and correction of problems.

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Sincerely,

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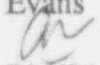
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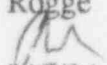
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