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Mr. T. Gary Broughton
Vice President and Director, TMI
GPU Nuclear Corporation
Three Mile Island Nuclear Station
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Dear Mr. Broughton:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-289/94-13)

This letter transmits the findings of the resident safety inspection conducted by Ms. M. Evans, Messrs. S. Hansell and D. Beaulieu from June 28, 1994 - August 8, 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.

Based on the results of this inspection, one of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). As a result of a personnel error, you failed to maintain the sodium hydroxide tank/borated water storage tank level differential's required by the Technical Specifications. We considered exercising discretion for this violation as described in Section VII.B.2 of the Enforcement Policy, dated January 1, 1994. However, although you had identified the violation, we found that it was a violation that could reasonably be expected to have been prevented by your corrective action for a previous violation that occurred within the past two years.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, we request that you address the reasons why your corrective actions for the previous event did not prevent this event from recurring.

We also found that you have taken positive steps with regard to evaluating events involving human performance related problems and that your Independent Onsite Safety Review Group has been very instrumental in this effort. However, because your program is recently instituted, management support and attention are still needed to establish a program in which human performance errors are effectively evaluated to establish appropriate root causes and corrective actions to prevent repeat events.

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We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report No. 50-289/94-13

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