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STATEMENT BY THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

The Commission today is releasing two reports concerning allegations involving operations at Unit 2 of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant in Pennsylvania. That reactor was damaged in the March 1979 accident.

The Commission believes it is in the public interest to release both reports at this time so that members of the public and the NRC's Advisory Committee on the Decontamination of Unit 2 will have current information on the investigations.

One report is by the Commission's Office of Investigations and involves a part of the allegations about safety-related modifications, quality assurance procedures and use of the polar crane in recovery operations by the licensee and its contractor.

The second report is from the Commission's Office of Inspector and Auditor and addresses alleged NRC employee impropriety in dealing with the licensee and its contractor at TMI-2.

The Commission and its staff still are reviewing the Office of Investigations report which substantiates certain of the allegations. We have requested the NRC staff to provide its comments and to propose an action plan on those findings that may require corrective actions. The NRC staff also is evaluating the report to determine whether any enforcement action may be appropriate.

The Office of Inspector and Auditor report concludes that allegations about NRC employee impropriety in dealing with the licensee and its contractor were not substantiated. The Commission is in the process of reviewing this report.

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