

October 12, 1995

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SUBJECT: THREE MILE ISLAND SERVICE WATER SELF-ASSESSMENT INSPECTION 95-04

Dear Mr. Knubel:

This letter refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. H. Gregg and others from this office during the period of May 3 through August 24, 1995, at Three Mile Island (TMI) Nuclear Station, Unit 1. Our inspection was focused upon issues important to public health and safety, specifically, your self-assessment (team inspection) of the TMI service water (SW) systems. The NRC's oversight included field walkdowns, independent review of calculations, and attendance at team briefings. Our preliminary conclusions were discussed with members of your staff at the conclusion of the self-assessment on May 19, 1995, as well as during meetings held on May 24 and August 24, 1995.

Objectivity and independence were maintained throughout this comprehensive self-assessment. Strengths were identified with respect to the basic design of the SW systems, inservice testing practices, and effective maintenance practices. Therefore, based on: (1) our oversight of your self-assessment; (2) your presentation of the findings and planned corrective measures; and (3) our review of the final team report, we have concluded that the self-assessment met the objectives of NRC Temporary Instruction (TI) 2515/118, "Service Water System Operational Performance Inspection (SWSOPI)."

No reply to this letter is requested, and your cooperation with us was appreciated.

Sincerely,

Eugene M. Kelly, Chief
Systems Engineering Branch
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Docket No. 50-289

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