

MAR 23 1992

Docket No.: 50-289

Mr. T. Gary Broughton
Director, TMI-1
GPU Nuclear Corporation
Post Office Box 480
Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057

Dear Mr. Broughton:

Subject: TMI Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Final Report No. 50-289/90-99

This letter forwards the final TMI SALP report (Enclosure 1) for the period May 16, 1990, through November 16, 1991. The initial SALP report was forwarded to you by our January 25, 1992 letter (Enclosure 2) and our evaluation was discussed with you and members of your staff at the Three Mile Island Training Center on February 13, 1992. The list of attendees at the meeting is provided in Enclosure 3.

We appreciate your comments and opinions expressed both during the February 13 meeting and in your written response to the initial SALP report. We feel that this open exchange continues to be beneficial in providing you insight into our evaluation process and provides you an opportunity to express your views of our assessment. Based upon the discussions at that meeting and your written response received on March 9, 1992 (Enclosure 4), we acknowledge the actions that you have taken and plan to take to address the weaknesses identified in the surveillance area concerning infrequently performed surveillance activities. We note your commitment to identify and review those procedures infrequently performed and which could result in potentially significant adverse conditions. Using a team to review such issues as vendor information, unusual conditions encountered during procedure performance, and human factors appears comprehensive and appropriate for the significance of this issue. We look forward to your program status updates tentatively scheduled during the Mid Cycle Management meeting and the Pre-Outage briefing.

In addition, based on the comments at the February 13 meeting and your written response, we have concluded that clarification to the initial SALP report is warranted. We acknowledge that the onsite members as referenced in the discussion of the Nuclear Safety and Compliance Committee (NSCC) are staff members and not members of the NSCC itself. We also note that in the Significant Enforcement Actions, the description of the fuel handling event is in error in that the procedure used did not direct the fuel bundle be placed back into the core. The final SALP report was revised to reflect these changes as indicated on the enclosed revision sheet (Enclosure 5).

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

9203300013 920323
PDR ADDCK 05000289
Q PDR

JEHO


Finally, as discussed at the February 13 meeting and in your written response as additional comments, we note your conclusions on the level of performance in Operations and Maintenance/Surveillance for the last several operating cycles. We agree that these assessments are subject to different inspectors observing different activities from one assessment period to the next and these factors are considered appropriately when licensee performance is reviewed and evaluated during the NRC SALP Boards. However, we emphasize that declining performance in Operations and Maintenance/Surveillance was observed during the refueling outage and that your performance in these areas during the operating period continued at the high level noted in previous assessments.

Your reply indicates your commitment to maintain the high level of performance you have attained with emphasis, appropriate management attention, and resources devoted to improving performance during infrequent operations.

No reply to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By



Thomas T. Martin
Regional Administrator

- Enclosures:
- 1) Final TMI SALP Report No. 50-289/90-99
 - 2) NRC Region I letter, T.T. Martin to T.G. Broughton, dated January 25, 1992
 - 3) TMI SALP Management Meeting Attendees
 - 4) GPUN letter, P. Clark to NRC, received March 9, 1992
 - 5) Final SALP Report Revision Sheet

cc w/encls:

R. L. Long, Director, TMI-2
E. L. Blake, Jr., Esquire
J. J. Byrne, Manager, TMI-2 Engineering
J. A. Knubel, Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Director
R. E. Rogan, Licensing and Nuclear Safety Director
M. R. Knight, TMI-1 Licensing Engineering
M. J. Ross, Operations and Maintenance Director, TMI-1
E. J. Scheyder, TMI-2 Site Operations Director
J. S. Shork, Manager, TMI-2 Licensing
The Chairman
Commissioner Rogers
Commissioner Curtiss
Commissioner Remick
Commissioner de Planque
Public Document Room (PDR)
Local Public Document Room (LPDR)
Nuclear Safety Information Center (NSIC)
NRC Resident Inspector
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
TMI Alert
K. Abraham, PAO (23)
Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO)

bcc:

- Region I Docket Room (with concurrences)
- Management Assistant, DRMA (w/o encl)
- DRS SALP Coordinator
- DRSS SALP Coordinator
- E. Wenzinger, DRP
- W. Ruland, DRP
- J. Taylor, EDO
- R. Lobel, OEDO
- J. Lieberman, OE
- T. Martin, RA
- W. Kane, DRA
- W. Hehl, DRP
- W. Hodges, DRS
- M. Knapp, DRSS
- D. Holody, EC
- L. Wharton, NRR
- W. Lanning, DRS
- J. Durr, DRS
- L. Bettenhausen, DRS
- M. Conner, TSS
- W. Oliveira, DRS
- Board Members
- M. Masnik, PDNP, NRR
- R. Dudley, PDNP, NRR
- L. Thonus, PDNP, NRR
- C. Weiss, PDNP, NRR

RI:DRP
 TSF
 Frye
 3/17/92

RI:DRP
[Signature]
 Ruland
 3/17/92

RI:DRP
[Signature]
 Wenzinger
 3/17/92

RI:DRP
[Signature]
 Hehl
 3/17/92

RI:DRS
[Signature]
 Hodges
 3/17/92

RI:DRSS
[Signature]
 Knapp
 3/17/92
 FDR
 msk

RI:DRA
[Signature]
 Kane
 3/17/92

RI:RA
[Signature]
 Martin
 3/17/92