

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

cc: T. Martin

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July 7, 1983

Tom M .:

Are you following up with

Ben Haves on this?

W. Dircks

SUBJECT:-

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Nunzio J. Palladino

Commissioner Gilinsky

Commissioner Roberts

Commissioner Asselstine

FROM:

INFORMATION CONCERNING LEAK RATE TESTING

AT TMI-1

On Friday, July 1, 1983, it was brought to my attention that one of the documents in the Hartman Allegation Investigation Records provided by Tim Martin reveals that there have been incidents of makeup tank water addition during leak rate tests at Three Mile Island, Unit No. 1 (ref. document C 19). These incidents occurred during 1978 and appear to be contrary to the plant procedure which says to avoid addition and removal of water from the reactor coolant and Make-Up systems during the test. I discussed this matter on July 1 with members of OPE, OGC, and my own staff. I also spoke with Ben Hayes and Bill Dircks about the need for action at this time.

In my discussion with Ben Hayes, he stated that he did not believe it appropriate to begin an investigation until a technical review had been conducted to determine if there was any wrongdoing involved in the incidents. He stated that his office was not qualified to make that finding and that he would defer to the technical staff for that judgment. I then called Bill Dircks and suggested that he lock into the matter. He agreed to have his staff review the documents and determine if there was reasonable potential for wrongdoing. Upon completion of this review, he will then advise Ben Hayes of the results.

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