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Dear Ms. Weiss:

The Commission has asked me to respond to your letter of May 16, 1985 regarding the certification of environmental qualification of certain electrical equipment at TMI-1.

In CLI-84-11, 20 NRC 1 (1984), the Commission directed staff to certify the status of environmental qualification of certain equipment for radiation levels associated with large-break loss-of-coolant accidents in accordance with the "Guidelines for Evaluating Environmental Qualification of Class IE Electrical Equipment in Operating Reactors." The Commission further stated that, if any of the specified equipment was not qualified, the licensee was to provide a specific justification for interim operation, and, if any such justification was challenged by a party, the Commission would then determine what further action was required.

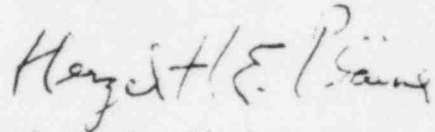
It is clear from CLI-84-11 that the Commission regarded the status of environmental qualification as a certification item. The Commission in the order establishing the restart proceeding provided that the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation was to determine outside of the adjudication whether actions required to be completed prior to restart have been completed, and was to certify their completion to the Commission. 10 NRC 141, 148-49 (1979). The Commission further explained in a later order that the adjudicatory proceeding is intended to determine what short-term and long-term actions are necessary and sufficient to protect adequately the public health and safety, and whether licensee had made reasonable progress toward completion of long-term items at the time of the Licensing Board's decision. Whether licensee has satisfactorily completed the required items will be determined by the Commission and staff outside of the adjudicatory proceeding. CLI-82-32, 16 NRC 1243 (1982). Accordingly, staff certification of

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whether the specified equipment is qualified is a matter outside of the formal adjudication. The Commission does not have in its possession the underlying data, tests, calculations, analyses, etc. that GPU used to demonstrate equipment qualification. You should contact the licensee, GPU Nuclear Corporation, for access to this information. However, the staff has advised the Commission that it will place all relevant information in its possession in the Public Document Room. You are, of course, welcome to review that material.

Sincerely,



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cc: TMI-1 Service List