Note to Stuart A. Treby

METED, UNIT 1 -- PRENOTICE

I concur in the decision to prenotice the proposed license amendment to incorporate revised Rod Withdrawal Limit Curves that decrease the worth revision of the worst hypothetical ejected control rod.

As indicated in the letter from the Staff to METED dated March 31, 1975, the Staff identified deficiencies in the ejected rod worth calculations on which Three Mile Island, Unit 1 Rod Withdrawal Limit Curves are based. This letter notes that, inspite of the deficiencies in these calculations, the present Rod Withdrawal Limit Curves are valid for operation with the present control rod arrangement and fuel cycle, but that such curves current control rod arrangement and fuel cycle, but that such curves may be unacceptable with a control rod interchange. A control rod interchange was scheduled for May 19, 1975.

The Staff has concluded, and I agree, that revising the Rod Withdrawal Limit Curves to compensate for the scheduled rod interchange involves a significant hazards consideration in that it may involve a significant increase in the consequences of an accident or it may involve a significant decrease in a safety margin since the effect of such revised curves on LOCA restrictions is not known at this time.

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