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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Gentlemen:

Subject: Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit I (TMI-1)
Operating License No. DPR-50
Docket No. 50-289
LER 97-006-00

This letter transmits Licensee Event Report (LER) number 97-006-00 that resulted from the violation of Technical Specification 3.3 and declaring the Reactor Building fans, AH-E-1B & C, inoperable on April 24, 1997. The inoperability declaration resulted following the observation of installed conditions and the conclusion of a review of the environmental qualification of the connector configurations at the AH-E-1B & C fan motors. The connection, as configured, was not sealed and would have been exposed to post-LOCA Reactor Building atmospheric conditions. AH-E-1B & C were restored to operability on April 25, 1997.

Public health and safety were unaffected by this event.

This LER is being submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.73, using the required NRC forms (attached). NRC Form 366 contains an abstract which provides a brief description of the event. For a complete understanding of the event, refer to the text of the report provided on Form 366A.

Sincerely,

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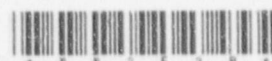
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