

July 23, 1997

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Subject: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-289/97-07 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Langenbach:

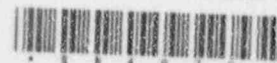
This letter transmits the report of an inspection conducted by Mr. Thomas J. Kenny and others during April 28-May 2 and May 12-16, 1997, at the Three Mile Island 1 reactor facility. The inspection focused on the status of your Generic Letter 89-10 motor-operated valve program, evaluated licensee event reports (LERs), and reviewed several unresolved items. The preliminary findings were discussed with you and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection on May 16, 1997.

GPU Nuclear Corporation committed to plans for resolving outstanding motor-operated valve issues in a letter to the NRC dated June 17, 1997. On the basis of your letter and the results of this inspection, the NRC is closing its review of your program implemented under Generic Letter 89-10, "Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valve Testing and Surveillance," at Three Mile Island.

A violation of NRC reporting requirements is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation, and the circumstances surrounding the violation are described in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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Sincerely,

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1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report No. 50-289/97-07

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