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Docket No. 50-289

rir. Henry D. Hukill, Vice President and Director - TMI-1 GPU Nuclear Corporation P. O. Box 480 Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057

Dear Mr. Hukill:

SUBJECT: THE NRC STAFF'S SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT (NUREG-1231)
ON THE B&W OWNERS GROUP PLANT REASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Enclosed is a copy of the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation Report (SER) and Supplement No. 1 to this report (SSER), NUREG-1231, on the B&W Owners Group (BWOG) plant reassessment program which is contained in BAW-1919, Revision 5, "B&W Owners Group Safety and Performance Improvement Program (SPIP)." With the issuance of Supplement No. 1 the NRC staff evaluation of the BWOG plant reassessment program has been completed.

Although the overall evaluation is favorable, the staff has identified areas where additional improvements could be made. We encourage you to consider incorporation of all the applicable staff recommendations during your plant-specific implementation of the recommendations approved by the BWOG.

As stated in Section 12.4 of the SSER, the staff believes that timely ard proper implementation of the Owners Group recommendations is most important. In the TER (Section 12.4) the staff recommended that each utility provide plant-specific implementation schedules by June 1, 1988. In the case of TMI-1, this information was provided in a general sense by your integrated schedule project listing submitted to us on April 4, 1988. Item number 58, "Modifications to Implement SPIP Recommendations" shows this activity occurring during the 1987-90 time frame. The staff intends to meet with you to discuss the details regarding implementation of these recommendations, including how individual recommendations will be shown on your integrated living schedule and which items are not within the scope of 10 CFR 50.59. The Project Manager for your plant will be in contact with you to arrange this meeting.

Section 12.2 of the SER and SSER states the staff intends to audit your recommendation implementation program and process (interpretation of the recommendations) and to verify the implementation of the recommendations. To assure appropriate timing of these audits will require close coordination between your staff and the NRC Project Manager.

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Sincerely,

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