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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attn: Document Control Desk  
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit I (TMI-1)  
Operating License No. DPR-50  
Docket No. 50-289  
LER 99-004-00, "Emergency Feedwater Pump Inoperable Longer Than Allowed  
by Technical Specifications Due to Lack of Lubrication Caused by a Loose Set  
Screw Resulting in Bearing Failure"

This letter transmits Licensee Event Report (LER) No. 99-004-00 regarding discovery of an emergency feedwater pump bearing failure during the performance of an oil change on May 10, 1999. Since the pump was determined to have been inoperable longer than the Technical Specification allowable outage time, this event was determined to be reportable in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73.

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

This condition did not adversely affect the health and safety of the public. For additional information regarding this LER contact Mr. Gregory M. Gurican of the TMI Nuclear Safety & Licensing Department at (717) 948-8753.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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