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Docket No. 50-289

GPU Nuclear Corporation
ATTN: Mr. H. D. Hukill
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 50-289/88-17

This letter refers to the special safety team inspection conducted by Mr. G. Napuda of this office on August 8-19, 1988 at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station, Middletown, Pennsylvania of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-50. Mr. Napuda discussed the results of the inspection with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection and during an October 4, 1988 telephone conversation with Mr. T. G. Broughton of your staff.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selected examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. The team concluded that the overall outage activities were conducted in a technically competent fashion except as hereafter noted.

Based on the results of this inspection and our discussion on August 24, 1988 at the NRC Region I office, it appears that certain activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. Two violations were identified relating to (1) inadequate procedures and (2) failure to review a procedure change within the Technical Specifications allotted time period and the establishment of a procedure that permits this practice. These violations have been categorized by severity level in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy). You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

ROBERT M. GALLO

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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-289/88-17

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