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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Sir:

Subject: Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1, (TMI-1)
Operating License No. DPR-50
Docket No. 50-289
Technical Specification Change Request (TSCR) No. 274
Supplement

References: GPUN Inc. Letter No. 1920-98-20522, dated February 2, 1999

On July 27, 1999 GPU Nuclear (GPUN) Inc. held a telephone conference call with representatives of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff to discuss TSCR No. 274. The TSCR would revise the Engineered Safety Feature (ESF) Systems leakage limits in the post-accident recirculation surveillance Technical Specifications. Approval of this TSCR is also contingent on acceptance of the updated Control Room (CR) Habitability Evaluation performed using a revised Maximum Hypothetical Accident (MHA) analysis of dose consequences which included the new leakage rate limit as one of the MHA analysis assumptions.

As a result of NRC generic concerns regarding CR habitability issues, GPUN is submitting this supplemental change to the request which will administratively limit the applicability of the license amendment at TMI-1 to the next operating cycle (Cycle 13). GPUN understands that the NRC is attempting to resolve the generic issues through an industry forum; and, that this period of time should be adequate for resolution of the issues. Following such resolution, the TMI-1 CR Habitability Evaluation may require further refinement. GPUN suggests that the NRC Safety Evaluation Report granting approval of this license amendment include a provision for extending the period of approval for this amendment should the generic resolution of CR habitability issues take substantially longer than expected.

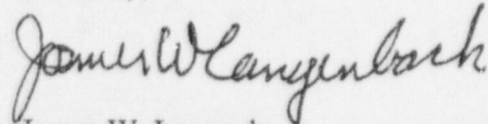
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This supplemental change provides for interim approval of the revised ESF leak rate limits for one cycle only and does not impact the safety evaluation performed for the original change request or the "No Significant Hazards Consideration" analysis for TSCR No. 274, pursuant to the standards contained in 10 CFR 50.92.

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.91 (b) (1) a copy of this supplemental information has been sent to the chief executives of the township and county in which the facility is located, as the designated official of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Bureau of Radiation Protection. If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact Sr. Licensing Engineer, Mr. G. M. Gurican at (717) 653-8753.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: (1) Proposed Revision to TMI-1 Technical Specification page 4.5-4

cc: Administrator Region I
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TMI Senior Project Manager

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