

December 14, 1987

Raymond A. Brandwein, Director
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Office of Radiation Programs
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D. C. 20460

Dear Mr. Brandwein:

This concerns the proposal by the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center (HMC) to assume and continue the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) program of environmental monitoring at and around the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant site.

I was asked to provide an assessment of the proposed HMC program based on the following:

1. October 9, 1987 letter from Kenneth L. Miller to Raymond A. Brandwein with enclosure "HMC-EPA Quality Assurance Program".
2. September 11, 1987 letter from Kenneth L. Miller to Raymond A. Brandwein with enclosure "Application for Federal Assistance", including a "Narrative Statement".

The program, as described in the above referenced documents, appears to be a continuation of essentially the same program presently conducted by the EPA's Middletown, PA field station. The scope of such a program conducted by the HMC in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources and the EPA, in conjunction with the utility's environmental monitoring efforts, appears to adequately address those areas important to assuring public health and safety.

Further, it is noted that the program's direction will be provided by Kenneth L. Miller, Associate Professor of Radiology and Director of the HMC Division of Health Physics. Mr. Miller's background of education and training coupled with his extensive professional experience in the radiation protection field, including comprehensive certification in Health Physics by the American Board of Health Physics, certainly qualifies him to manage such a program. My professional interactions with Mr. Miller over the last several years on issues related to Three Mile Island reinforce this view. Mr. Miller's direction will be a strong factor in assuring the success of the proposed program.

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Based on my understanding of the proposed program and the qualifications of the program director, I see no reason why the program cannot effectively provide the kinds of useful information previously provided by the EPA's Middletown, PA field station.

Sincerely,

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