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Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
Attn: Mr. B. H. Grier, Director  
Region 1  
631 Park Avenue  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Dear Sir:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station: Unit 1 (TMI-1)  
Operating License No. DPR-50  
Docket No. 50-289  
Radiation Emergency Drill

The annual radiation emergency drill required by the Three Mile Island Emergency Plan is due in the last quarter of 1979. TMI is currently revising the Emergency plan and procedures to satisfy the requirements set by the special NRC Task Force on Emergency Planning. This task force review process requires upgraded facility plans to be submitted on October 29, 1979.

Since the TMI Emergency Plan will be significantly revised, it is requested that the required drill be deferred and conducted prior to the startup on Unit 1. This would enable us to follow the logical sequence of training the station staff on the new plan and procedures, installing upgraded communications systems and conducting practice exercises.

Sincerely,

Signed J. G. Herbein

J. G. Herbein  
Vice President  
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