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November 14, 1975

Mr. J. P. O'Reilly, Director  
Directorate of Regulatory Operations  
Region I  
631 Park Avenue  
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Operating License DPR-50  
Docket 50-289

SUBJECT: Environmental Incident No. EI 75-09

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

This telegram is to confirm the telecon between Leo Spessard (Region I-NRC) and G. A. Kunder (Unit I Supervisor of Operations, Three Mile Island Nuclear Station) at 1900 Hours, 13 November 1975.

Violation of the Environmental Technical Specification 2.1.b.(2) in that the temperature differential between inlet and discharge temperature changed at a rate in excess of 2°F/hr.

Review of the effluent temperature and  $\Delta T$  recorder indicated that during the one (1) hour period, 0650 to 0750 hours, the net change in effluent temperature was 3°F which was 1°F/hr. in excess of the limit of 2°F/hr.

The plant was in the cooldown mode and the decay heat system was placed into service immediately prior to the occurrence. The additional heat load imposed on the effluent water was not monitored closely enough by the operator and the late untimely response of adjusting the Mechanical Draft Cooling Tower fan combination to compensate for the temperature change resulted in exceeding the 2°F/hr. limit.

Plant operating procedures will be reviewed to determine if additional guidance is necessary to assure personnel are more rigorously

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observant of the adverse trends in effluent temperature.

Very truly yours,

*J. J. Colitz*

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