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Office of Inspection & Enforcement
Mr. B. H. Grier, Director
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Dear Sir:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1
Operating License No. DPR-50
Docket No. 50-289

This letter is in response to IE Bulletin 79-09 concerning the failures of GE Type AK-2 circuit breakers in safety related systems.

Metropolitan Edison Company has determined that the GE type AK-2 circuit breakers in question are used in TMI-1 as the reactor trip breakers in the Control Rod Drive System. The preventative maintenance program to assure design performance of the GE AK-2 circuit breakers will include the following items:

1. Procedure PM E36, which has been used for maintaining the breakers, will be updated by June 15, 1979, to include the new GE recommendations.
2. The breakers will be functionally tested monthly during unit operation and preventative maintenance will be performed annually.
3. The electrical maintenance personnel have received formal training in electrical maintenance practices, including maintenance of GE AK circuit breakers. The GE instructions are referenced in PM E36 and are available to the maintenance personnel.

The above actions will fulfill the program specified in IE Bulletin No. 79-09.

Sincerely,

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