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

Gentlemen:

Subject: Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (TMI-1)
Operating License No. DPR-50
Docket No. 50-289
Updated Walkdown Schedule for
Resolution of Unresolved Safety Issue A-46 (GL 87-02)

The purpose of this letter is to advise the NRC of the GPU Nuclear plan for the plant walkdown associated with the implementation of Unresolved Safety Issue (USI) A-46 at TMI-1.

On June 28, 1991 the Commission issued Generic Letter No. 88-20, Supplement 4 entitled "Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) for Severe Accident Vulnerabilities - 10 CFR 50.54(f)." In Section 5 of the generic letter under "Coordination With Other External Event Programs," it states that "USI A-46 should be coordinated with the IPEEE so that the objectives of both activities may be accomplished with a single walkdown effort."

GPU Nuclear agrees with the above staff position and notes that a single seismic walkdown effort would minimize the radiological exposure of the walkdown teams while maintaining consistency between the USI A-46 and IPEEE programs. We therefore plan to coordinate the USI A-46 walkdown with the IPEEE walkdown to minimize duplication of efforts.

Currently, the TMI-1 Integrated Schedule indicates that the USI A-46 walkdown is planned for the upcoming refueling outage (10R). However, if the single walkdown approach described above is implemented, it is projected that the USI A-46 walkdown will be conducted during the 11R outage in coordination with the IPEEE walkdown. The IPEEE walkdown is expected to be broader in scope and to require more preparation. The plan to conduct the USI A-46 walkdown during the 10R refueling outage was based on the NRC Staff's projected issue date of June 1990 for the NRC Safety Evaluation Report (SER) for Revision 2 of the SQUG/EPR Generic Implementation Plan (GIP). This SER is now projected to be issued in early 1992. Thus, the revised projected SER issue date supports coordination of the USI A-46 walkdown with the IPEEE walkdown during the 11R refueling outage.

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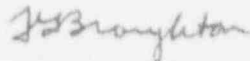
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As requested by Supplement 4 of Generic Letter 88-20, GPU Nuclear submitted a response on December 24, 1991 describing the proposed program for completing the IPEEEs. Included with that letter was a final schedule for the IPEEE/USI A-46 walkdown. That schedule will be reflected in the next submittal of the Integrated Schedule for TMI-1.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Mr. Michael Laggart, Manager, Corporate Nuclear Licensing at (201) 316-7968.

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