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Docket No. 50-289

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Gentlemen:

Subject: Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance - Report No.
50-289/85-99

This refers to the Systematic Evaluation of Licensee Performance (SALP) at Three Mile Island, Unit No. 1 for the period February 1984 through January 1985, initially forwarded to you by our April 2, 1985 letter (Enclosure 1). This SALP evaluation was discussed with you and the GPUN staff at a meeting held in the Region I facilities on April 11, 1985 (see Enclosure 2 for attendees). We have reviewed your May 7, 1985 written comments (Enclosure 3) and have made appropriate minor changes as identified in the enclosed report (Enclosure 4).

Our overall assessment was that your staff's management continued to be aggressive in problem resolution and involvement in promoting nuclear safety and radiation protection. We found improvement in shutdown plant operations, improving from a Category 2 last assessment period to a Category 1 this assessment, and continuing performance difficulties in the engineering and licensing areas; both areas appraised Category 2. We caution your management to remain sensitive to factors affecting performance during changing plant operational modes.

We acknowledge your comments on Section IV.A, Shutdown Plant Operations, and Section IV.I, Licensing Activities, and have made corrections to clarify the total number of Senior Reactor Operator candidates and the source of Technical Specification change requests needing more attention to the significant hazard consideration determinations. These corrections are identified with a vertical line on pages 10c (corrected), 23c and 29c. We note your increased management attention on: (1) assuring consistency among procedures and addressing programmatic requirements; (2) developing maintenance philosophy on quality while the quality control list is being developed; (3) implementing the modifications task force recommendations and an improved process of handling modifications; and (4) coordinating the backlog of licensing issues with NRR.

No reply to this letter is needed. Your actions in response to the SALP will continue to be reviewed during future inspections of the facility.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Thomas E. Murley

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Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. NRC Region I letter, T. Murley to H. Hukill,
April 2, 1985.
2. SALP Meeting Attendees
3. GPUN letter, H. Hukill to T. Murley,
May 7, 1985.
4. SALP Inspection Report 50-289/85-99

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Enclosure 1

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The NRC Region I SALP Board has reviewed and evaluated the performance of activities at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station - Unit 1 for the period February 1984 through January 1985. The results are contained in the enclosed report dated March 13, 1985. A meeting to discuss this assessment has been scheduled on April 11, 1985. This meeting will be held in the Region I Office, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

This SALP addresses the time period which included completion of modifications and those activities associated with preoperational testing. As such, several functional areas were added to this SALP in order to perform a more encompassing assessment.

At the SALP meeting, we request that you be prepared to discuss our assessment and to address those areas warranting improvement. The meeting is intended to be a dialogue wherein any comments you may have regarding our report may be discussed. A written response addressing such items is requested within 30 days of the meeting.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

Enclosure:
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Enclosure 2

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