

December 20, 1996

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SUBJECT: PLANT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (PPR) - TMI

Dear Mr. Knubel:

On November 6, 1996, the NRC staff completed the semiannual Plant Performance Review (PPR) of Three Mile Island Nuclear Station. The staff conducts these reviews for all operating nuclear power plants to develop an integrated understanding of safety performance. The results are used by NRC management to facilitate planning and allocation of inspection resources. The PPR for TMI involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating inspection results and safety performance information for the period August 4, 1996, to November 6, 1996. PPRs provide NRC management with a current summary of licensee performance and serve as inputs to the NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) and senior management meeting (SMM) reviews.

This letter advises you of our planned inspection effort resulting from the TMI PPR review. It is provided to minimize the resource impact on your staff and to allow for scheduling conflicts and personnel availability to be resolved in advance of inspector arrival onsite. The enclosure details our inspection plan for the next six months. The rationale or basis for each inspection outside the core inspection program is provided so that you are aware of the reason for emphasis in these program areas. Resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature.

We will inform you of any changes to the inspection plan. If you have any questions, please contact me at (610) 337-5234.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Peter W. Eselgroth, Chief
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Enclosure: Inspection Plan

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Enclosure

SIX MONTH INSPECTION PLAN FOR THREE MILE ISLAND

IP - Inspection Procedure
 TI - Temporary Instruction
 CO - Core Inspection
 SI - Safety Issue Inspection
 RI - Regional Initiative Inspection

INSPECTION	TITLE/ PROGRAM AREA	START DATE	TYPE OF INSPECTION/ COMMENTS
IP 86750	Solid Radwaste Management and Transportation	1/6/97	CO
TI 2515-133	Implementation of Revised 49 CFR Parts 100-179 and 10 CFR Part 71	1/6/97	SI
IP 82302	Review EP exercise objectives and scenario	1/6/97	CO
IP 37550	Engineering - Visit 1	1/13/97	CO, Focus on Engineering department reorganization, program oversight, and effectiveness of corrective actions taken for the RCS drain line modification.
IP 82301	EP Exercise-full participation	3/3/97	CO, Focus on previously noted areas of weakness.
IP 83750	Occupational Radiation Exposure	3/10/97	CO, Focus on previously noted areas of weakness and the effectiveness of licensee corrective actions.
IP 37550	Engineering - Visit 2	5/5/97	CO
IP 92904	Plant Support - Followup	TBD	RI, Followup on repetitive problems with High Rad Area controls and worker adherence to procedures.