



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

April 2, 1985

Docket No. 50-289

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Palladino
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Asselstine
Commissioner Bernthal
Commissioner Zech

FROM: Hugh L. Thompson, Jr., Director
Division of Licensing, NRR

SUBJECT: BOARD NOTIFICATION (BN-85-033)
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO TMI-1 STEAM GENERATORS

This Notification is being provided to the Commission in accordance with the revised Commission's notification policy of July 6, 1984, to inform the Commission on all issues on the cases before the Commission or issues which may involve substantial public, press, or Congressional interest.

With reference to BN-85-028 dated March 15, 1985, the licensee informed us by letter dated March 29, 1985 (enclosed), that in order to avoid any potential limitations on plant readiness for restart it will proceed to plug all tubes with eddy current indications exceeding the present Technical Specification plugging limit depth of 40% through wall. This repair is scheduled to be completed before the middle of April.

The licensee requested that we continue our review of their request to revise the plugging limit with regard to any future defects.

Frank J. Muraglia
for Hugh L. Thompson, Jr., Director
Division of Licensing, NRR

Enclosure:
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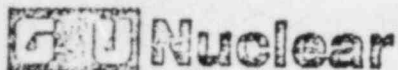
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Stolz:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station Unit 1 (TMI-1)
Operating License No. DPR-50
Docket No. 50-289
Steam Generator Repair Limits

By letters dated January 31 and March 1, 1985, GPU Nuclear Corporation requested approval of revised repair criteria, i.e., plugging limits, for the steam generator tubes. As documented in those letters, this approach is technically sound and does not constitute an unreviewed safety question. We have reached the point, however, where we must act now to avoid any potential limitations on TMI-1 plant readiness for restart. Accordingly, I have determined to proceed immediately to plug the steam generator tubes in accordance with the existing repair limits specified in Technical Specification paragraph 4.19.4.a.6. of the operating license.

We ask that the staff continue its technical review of our request so as to help us avoid unnecessary plugging in the future.

We will advise you when the plugging has been completed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "P.R. Clark".
P.R. Clark
President

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