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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-289/96-09

Dear Mr. Knubel:

On January 5, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your Three Mile Island 1 reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

We found your activities associated with the operability determination for the emergency core cooling system (ECCS) pumps to be appropriate. You recognized the safety significance of the an NRC team finding regarding the ECCS pump swapover issue and dedicated ample resources to resolve the issue in a timely manner. Your decision to perform the new swapover evolution on the plant simulator was a good initiative to verify and validate the revised procedures in a real time environment.

The quality of corrective actions identified in event or near miss capture forms, as well as tracking of the actions, was reviewed. We found that the quality varied by department and that improvement is needed in the engineering area.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely,

**Original Signed By:**

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