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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

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Dear Sir:

Subject: Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (TMI-1)
Operating License No. DPR-50
Docket No. 50-289
Licensee Event Report (LER) No. 97-004, Revision 0

On February 28, 1997, GPU Nuclear declared the Auxiliary & Fuel Handling Building Ventilation system inoperable due to quality classification concerns. The Auxiliary & Fuel Handling Building Ventilation system continues to meet its surveillance requirements and its filter efficiency and flow requirements and thus remains in operation. A safety evaluation will be completed by August 15, 1997, to support any documentation changes needed to clarify the existing Technical Specification bases and Final Safety Analysis Report in regards to the Auxiliary & Fuel Handling Building Ventilation system.

This condition is not reportable under the criteria of 50.72 or 50.73. However, a voluntary LER is attached to document this condition. The attached LER is also being submitted in accordance with Technical Specification 3.15.3.3.b, which requires a special report if the Auxiliary & Fuel Handling Building Ventilation system is inoperable longer than seven days.

This event did not adversely affect the health and safety of the public.

Please contact Adam Miller, TMI Regulatory Affairs at (717) 948-8128 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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