Docket No. 50-320

Director, Office of the Federal Register
National Archives and Records Services
Washington, D.C. 20403

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to 1 CFR Section 17.3 and 17.4, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requests that the enclosed notice be published on the emergency schedule. This notice is related to an earlier Commission action which provides that interested parties may request a hearing on or before November 5, 1979.

We have reason to believe that there may be interested parties other than those who have received copies of this document directly from the NRC. Thus, to make the opportunity for hearing meaningful, this must be published as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Richard H. Vollmer, Director
Three Mile Island Support

Enclosures:
Clarifying Amendment to Order for Modification of License
In the Matter of

METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY, ET AL. Docket No. 50-320
(Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2)

CLARIFYING AMENDMENT TO ORDER FOR MODIFICATION OF LICENSE

By Order dated October 18, 1979, the NRC Staff proposed to amend Facility Operating License No. DPR-73 for the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2 to provide identified license conditions and Technical Specifications relating to the operation of EPICOR-II to decontaminate intermediate-level waste water presently being stored at the facility. The Order made clear that the license amendment would not become effective until the expiration of the period during which the licensee or other person whose interest may be affected may request a hearing, or, in the event a hearing is ordered, on the dated specified in an order made following such hearing. It should be clarified, however, that a hearing is not necessary prior to operation of EPICOR-II even though the amendment will not be effective until after a hearing, if one is requested and ordered, as discussed in the Memorandum and Order issued by the Commission on October 16, 1979.

Accordingly, the Order for Modification of License issued on October 18, 1979, is amended to clarify the foregoing by adding the following as the last sentence to the first paragraph of section IV:

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"Even though the above amendment will not become effective immediately, a hearing is not necessary prior to operation of EPICOR-II."

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 26th day of October, 1979

Harold R. Denton
Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Docket No. 50-320

Mr. R. C. Arnold
Senior Vice President
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Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

Dear Mr. Arnold:

The Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has issued the enclosed "Clarifying Amendment to Order for Modification of License" dated October 26, 1979. This document clarifies the Order for Modification of License issued on October 18, 1979, concerning the operation of EPICOR-II at Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 2.

A copy of this document is being filed with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Richard H. Vollmer, Director
Three Mile Island Support

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