



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

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Docket No. 50-320

Mr. Gale Hovey
Vice President and
Director of TMI-2
Metropolitan Edison Company
P.O. Box 480
Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057

Dear Mr. Hovey:

We have reviewed your letters of October 13, 1980 (TLL 478) and December 2, 1980 (TLL 629) which were submitted in response to our letter of September 13, 1980 requesting a comprehensive written safety evaluation of the SDS as required by 10 CFR Part 50.59. Neither the above noted letters nor the SDS Technical Evaluation Report (TER) submitted with your letter of April 10, 1980 (TLL 160) provide an evaluation of the type we requested. Therefore, we are reiterating our request for such a safety evaluation. Furthermore, since your letter of December 4, 1980 (TLL 632) indicates that the SDS TER will be revised, your evaluation should also address these revisions.

As noted in I.E. Circular No. 80-18, a copy of which was enclosed with our letter of September 13, 1980, your safety evaluation should include the basis for determining whether or not an unreviewed safety question exists. The criteria to be considered in making this determination are specified in 10 CFR Part 50.59(a)(2)(i)-(iii). You should provide us your schedule for submitting this safety evaluation by January 9, 1981.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Don Brinkman (301-492-8929) of my staff.

Sincerely,

William J. Snyder for

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