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Docket No. 50-320

Mr. R.C. Arnold Senior Vice President Metropolitan Edison Company 100 Interpace Parkway Parsippany, New Jersey 07054 NOV 12 AM ID 39

Dear Mr. Arnold:

Subject: Interim Solid Waste Staging Facility

Letter NRC/TMI-80-138 dated October 20, 1980, forwarded our comments and requests for additional information concerning the proposed Interim Solid Waste Staging Facility (ISWSF) design criteria document. Subsequent discussions with your staff have indicated that, in order to prevent duplication of effort, clarification was necessary concerning the form of response desired by the NRC and clarification of our position concerning the ISWSF. The purpose of this letter is to provide such clarification.

Our comments in letter NRC/TMI-80-138 detail our initial concerns with the proposed facility and should be considered in the development of the detailed design. As such an acceptable response at this time to our comments may be to inform us that the specific concerns raised will be addressed in subsequent documents (such as the technical evaluation report) and also to indicate the approximate date when this document would be forwarded to us.

In addition, our review of the design criteria document has allowed us to conclude that we have no technical objection to the subject design criteria document or its use as a tool to develop the detailed facility design.

We therefore approve the ISWSF design criteria document with the understanding that:

 Our approval of the design criteria document does not imply approval to construct or operate the facility. The detailed design which implements the design criteria document will be forwarded to us for our review and approval when available.

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