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TMI Program Office
Attn: Dr. B. J. Snyder
Program Director
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Sir:

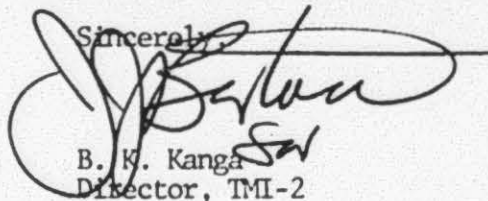
Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2 (TMI-2)
Operating License No. DPR-73
Docket No. 50-320
Movement of Internals Indexing Fixture

As discussed with Mr. T. Poindexter of your staff on August 31, 1983, GPUNC hereby requests approval to utilize the reactor vessel head and internals handling fixture ("tripod") to move the Internals Indexing Fixture (IIF) from the 347' elevation of the Reactor Building to the Head Storage Stand. This approval is requested in advance of your overall approval for use of the tripod.

It should be noted that the IIF weighs approximately 6 tons. Five lifts of the reactor vessel head have been previously made utilizing the tripod and visual examinations of the tripod welds in recent months (June/July 1983) and overall visual examinations (late 1982) show no abnormal degradation since those lifts were made.

Accordingly, GPUNC believes based upon the extremely large margin of safety demonstrated above and the inspections performed to date, that the tripod can be utilized to relocate the IIF prior to full NRC approval of tripod usage without jeopardizing the health and safety of the public.

Please contact Mr. J. J. Byrne of my staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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