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William H. Wilcox, Administrator  
Federal Disaster Assistance  
Administration  
Washington, D.C. 20410

Dear Mr. Wilcox:

This is to confirm the request made to your representative at the NRC Operations Center to locate and possibly arrange for delivery of rail-road tank cars to hold liquid waste containing low levels of radioactivity. These tank cars are needed, as soon as possible, at the Three Mile Island site. In particular, they require 10 cars within two days and a possibility of a total of 100 cars over the next few weeks. These cars will be for onsite storage only for several months, not transport.

General Public Utilities (GPU) will assure that the tank cars will be decontaminated or purchased. The prior use of the car must be established since certain liquids, such as oil, would be incompatible with future processing of the radioactive liquid. The quality of the car is that necessary to store water, i.e. carbon steel, perhaps phenolic lined. Stainless steel cars are not necessary.

Coordination for this task will be Bernard Weiss or Joe Hegner at the NRC Operations Center (301/492-8111). The NRC site contact is Brian Grimes (717/944-0301). The GPU contacts are Bob Arnold - Administrative (717/367-6561) and Jack Bitel - Technical (717/944-4041).

We are authorizing initiation of this mission under NRC authorization symbol 31X0200 pending authorization from General Public Utilities.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
for Operations

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