December 21, 1979
GQL 1561

Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director
Office of Inspection & Enforcement
Region 1
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pa. 19406

Dear Sir:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit II (TMI-2)
License No. DPR-73
Docket No. 50-320
LER 79-020/03L-0

Attached please find Licensee Event Report (LER)
79-020/03L-0 concerning the deletion of two environmental
monitoring programs which is reportable per Environmental
Technical Specification 5.6.2.b.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
K. F. Wilson
Director, TMI-2

RFW: DWR: hah
Attachment
On April 16, 1979, Met-Ed ordered Ichthyological Associates (IA) to drop its Fish Movement and Population Estimates monitoring studies. These programs were terminated without notifying the NRC as requested by the Environmental Tech Specs Sections 5.5.4.D and 5.7.1. During this time period both units were shutdown. Discontinuing these studies did not result in any safety consequences and, therefore, did not result in any adverse effects on the public health and safety.

The monitoring studies were discontinued in order to conserve cash flow. This action was taken as a result of the accident on March 28. The staff responsible for the studies were not aware of this requirement of the TMI-2 ETS. Met-Ed has authorized IA to reimplement the deleted programs. (Cont'.)
Cause Description and Corrective Actions (27)

These studies should be restarted by January 1, 1980.

Between the time the studies were discontinued (April 16, 1979) and the time this action was determined to be a violation of the ETS (November 1, 1979) there has been a change in management staff responsible for these and similar programs. The new staff has been made aware of the circumstances surrounding the violation and have been instructed in the actions which must be taken before any program or study can be discontinued or modified. This should ensure that recurrence of similar violations are prevented.