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TMI Program Office  
Attn: Mr. John T. Collins, Deputy Director  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
c/o Three Mile Island Nuclear Station  
Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057

Dear Sir:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2 (TMI-2)  
Operating License No. DPR-73  
Docket No. 50-320  
NRC Project Approval

In accordance with discussions that we have had with members of your staff, we intend to obtain your approval of TMI-2 recovery projects in a two-step process. First, we will submit the design criteria for your comments and approval. Secondly, we will later submit the Technical Evaluation Report (TER) for your approval.

Design Criteria documents establish the design objectives for the facility and/or system to be constructed. Among the design objectives are the regulatory criteria that must be met to provide us assurance that the public health and safety will not be compromised. We will request your approval for our Design Criteria. That approval receipt will provide us assurance that the criteria used as the basis for recovery facilities and/or systems design is acceptable to regulatory authorities. Furthermore, receipt of your approval will enable us to proceed with detailed engineering with reasonable assurance that, if it is within the bounds of the criteria, it will meet your requirements.

The Technical Evaluation Report serves as the document that provides a comprehensive public health and safety analysis of the recovery facility and/or system. The TER provides information to serve as the basis for our analysis as well as the results of our analysis to enable NRC review and approval to place the facility and/or system into operation. This document serves as the principle document to provide our safety analysis and environmental assessment, as well as the basis for our internal 10 CFR 50.59 evaluation. The TER will conform to the requirements specified in the GPU Licensing Plan for Recovery Operations, soon to be issued.

The procedural interface described above is in accordance with the practices that we have followed in the past. We believe that, because the interface method is effective, it should be continued. This letter documents that interface.

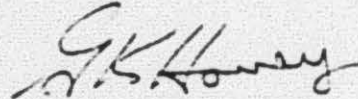
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We would be pleased to discuss this matter with you further, if required, at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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Vice-President and  
Director, TMI-2

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cc: Bernard J. Snyder