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INFORMATION REPORT

For: The Commissioners

From: Saul Levine, Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

Thru: Executive Director for Operations *RL for LVI*

Subject: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG NRC, DOE, EPRI, GPU
 FOR POST-ACCIDENT EXAMINATIONS OF TMI-2

Purpose: To inform the Commission of the agreement among NRC, DOE, EPRI, and GPU on the methods of interaction and coordination of efforts to achieve common goals in TMI-2 data gathering as represented by a completed Memorandum of Understanding among the parties.

Discussion: Following the letter from Chairman Hendrie to DOE Under Secretary Deutch (copy enclosed) concerning the need to develop a coordinated program for the post-accident examination of TMI-2, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was developed through several meetings of senior representatives of NRC and the other organizations. As described in the enclosed MOU, a Joint Coordination Group (JCC) has been formed which has appointed members to a Technical Working Group (TWG). The Technical Working Group has had several meetings during which planning has been developed toward meeting the common goals defined by the JCC and the TWG. Also, as set forth in the MOU a Technical Integration Office has been established at TMI headed by a DOE representative and staffed by personnel from EG&G (Idaho) to coordinate the implementation of the plans.

The first of the early examination efforts prescribed by the TWG has been accomplished. A 9-inch disk has been cut out of a containment penetration cover, allowing optical access to the containment and allowing for a detailed examination of the containment wall surface.

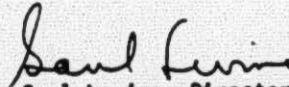
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The MOU will be signed by the Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research when DOE has the final draft prepared, by the end of December.

Coordination: This paper has been concurred in by NRR. ELD has no legal objection.



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Enclosures:

1. TMI-2 Post-Accident Examination MOU
2. Chairman Hendrie Letter to Under Secretary Deutch