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Dear Mr. Arnold:

This letter is in response to your letter of October 9, 1981 which, as we have discussed, addresses the concept of a Technology Assessment and Advisory Group for the balance of the TMI-2 decontamination and defueling.

In your letter you express the desirability of establishing a Technology Assessment and Advisory Group (TAAG) which would provide independent technical assessment and advice on proposed decontamination and defueling activities. The TAAG would function as an advisor to Met-Ed much in the same manner as the advisory group which was established by the DOE to provide technical oversight of the processing of containment sump water and reactor coolant with the SDS/EPICOR-II. We agree that that DOE advisory group made significant contributions to the design and processing philosophy for the SDS/EPICOR -II and believe that an extension of this concept for continued technical assistance during the balance of the TMI-2 cleanup would be beneficial. The TAAG would utilize relevant government and private expertise in the techniques for major plant decontamination and damaged fuel handling and could serve to expedite the overall cleanup effort at the plant. Accordingly, we endorse and support the concept and formation of the TAAG and look forward to working with the group.

Sincerely,

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