

Docket No. 50-320

October 1, 1979

Mr. R. C. Arnold
Senior Vice President
Metropolitan Edison Company
P.O. Box 542
Reading, Pennsylvania 19640

Dear Mr. Arnold:

As a result of informal discussions between your staff (B. Ruselle, J. Barton and G. Staudt) and mine (R. Weller) concerning the design requirements for the Fuel Handling Building environmental barrier between Units 1 and 2, we agreed to provide you with more definitive guidance on the need for, and lifetime of, an environmental barrier which would satisfy the restart requirements for Unit 1.

On August 9, 1979, the Commission published an ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING outlining conditions for the safe restart and operation of Unit 1 while Unit 2 is still in the recovery mode. The conditions require, in part, that as long as Unit 2 is in the recovery mode of operation, the licensee shall provide separation between the Unit 1 and 2 fuel handling areas. This requirement shall be factored into the design criteria for the environmental barrier. Should you have any questions or desire to have a meeting concerning the design criteria for the environmental barrier, please contact us.

Sincerely,

/s/

John T. Collins, Deputy Director
TMI Support Staff

cc: R. Voilmer
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