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SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT FOLLOW-UP - THREE MILE ISLAND UNIT 1

Dear Mr. Warner:

On July 30, 2001, the NRC staff completed a quarterly assessment of Three Mile Island Nuclear Station. The assessment evaluated the performance indicators (PIs) and inspection results. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of your safety performance during this period and our plans for a future inspection at your facility.

On July 5, 2001, the NRC staff forwarded a letter concerning the final significance determination of a white inspection finding in the Mitigating Systems cornerstone. The NRC staff determined that AmerGen personnel missed several opportunities to identify the degraded condition of the 'A' motor driven EFW pump and take corrective actions consistent with the pump's importance to safety. The oil leak identified was of sufficient magnitude to cause the pump to be inoperable. Our review of Three Mile Island, Unit 1 identified that you have crossed the threshold for the Licensee Response column due to the unavailability of the 'A' motor driven EFW pump.

As a result, we have assessed Three Mile Island Unit 1 performance to be in the Regulatory Response column of the NRC's Action Matrix. Therefore, we plan to conduct supplemental inspection procedure 95001 during the week of November 12, 2001. This inspection procedure is conducted to provide assurance that the root causes and contributing causes of risk significant performance issues are understood, the extent of condition is identified, and the corrective actions are sufficient to prevent recurrence.

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Please contact John Rogge at 610 337-5146 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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