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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (OCNGS)
Docket No. 50-219
Facility License No. DPR-16
Re: Technical Specification Change Request No. 276
Information to Support Environmental Determination

- References:
- 1) Correspondence No. 1940-00-20040 dated March 21, 2000, "Technical Specification Change Request No. 276, Delete Reporting Requirement for Core Spray Sparger Inspection"
 - 2) Correspondence No. 1940-00-20135 dated June 5, 2000, "Technical Specification Change Request (TSCR) No. 276, Delete Reporting Requirement for Core Spray Sparger Inspection"
 - 3) AmerGen Letter No. 2130-00-20256 dated September 26, 2000, "Technical Specification Change Request No. 276, Revised Core Spray Sparger Inspection Reporting Commitment and Technical Specification Page"

The Reference 1 license amendment request, as supplemented by References 2 and 3, proposes to delete the reporting requirements for the core spray sparger inspection contained in license condition 2.C(5) and Technical Specification 6.9.3.d. On October 16, 2000, the Senior NRC Project Manager for Oyster Creek verbally requested information from AmerGen to assist the NRC staff in making the determination required by 10 CFR 51.25 regarding the need for an environmental impact statement or environmental assessment or whether a categorical exclusion exists under 10 CFR 51.22(c).

AmerGen believes that neither an environmental impact statement nor an environmental assessment is required for issuance of the requested license amendment. A categorical exclusion pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9) can be applied to the matter in question. The proposed change to the license pertains to the inspection, and reporting requirements therefrom, of the core spray sparger, a facility component located within the restricted area. As discussed in References 1, 2 and 3, no significant hazards have been identified with respect to the change. Since core spray sparger inspections will still be required to ensure the integrity and functionality of the sparger to

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perform its intended function, there will be no significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite. Finally, the core spray sparger inspections to be performed in accordance with BWRVIP-18 do not result in a significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational exposure.

If additional information is required, please contact Paul F. Czaya of Oyster Creek Licensing at 609-971-4139.

Very truly yours,



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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of October 2000.

MARITA ZAREMBA
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
Commission Expires 5/31/2005



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