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Dear Mr. Fitzpatrick:

SUBJECT: OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
(TAC 79270)

Enclosed is a copy of the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact which relates to your submittal dated December 7, 1990, requesting a license amendment to revise Technical Specification Section 3.7 to allow draining of the 15,000 gallon Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG) fuel oil storage tank for the purpose of internal inspection and, if required replaced during the upcoming (13R) refueling outage. Inspection of the tank internals cannot be accomplished while it is filled, and draining of the tank will cause the EDG's to become inoperable, which is in conflict with Technical Specification 3.7.

The assessment has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONGPU NUCLEAR CORPORATIONANDJERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANYDOCKET NO. 50-219ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ANDFINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Provisional Operating License No. DPR-16 issued to GPU Nuclear Corporation, et. al. (the licensee), for operation of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, located in Ocean County, New Jersey.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTIdentification of Proposed Action:

The amendment would revise Technical Specification Section 3.7 to allow draining of the 15,000 gallon Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG) fuel oil storage tank for the purpose of internal inspection and, if required replaced during the upcoming (13R) refueling outage. Inspection of the tank internals cannot be accomplished while it is filled, and draining of the tank will cause the EDG's to become inoperable, which is in conflict with Technical Specification 3.7.

The proposed amendment is in accordance with GPU Nuclear Corporation's application dated December 7, 1990.

Need for the Proposed Action:

The proposed change to the Technical Specification is needed so that the 15,000 gallon Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG) fuel oil storage tank could be internally inspected, and if required replaced during the (13R) refueling outage.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action:

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed revision to Technical Specification 3.7. The proposed revision would allow draining of the 15,000 gallon Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG) fuel oil storage tank for the purpose of internal inspection, and if required, replaced during the upcoming (13R) refueling outage. Inspection of the tank internals cannot be accomplished while it is filled, and draining of the tank will cause the EDG's to become inoperable, which is in conflict with Technical Specification 3.7.

Based on its review, the Commission concludes that the proposed change is acceptable. The staff has determined that the proposed change does not alter any initial conditions assumed for the design basis accidents previously evaluated nor change operation of safety systems utilized to mitigate the design basis accidents.

The proposed change does not increase the probability or consequences of accidents. No changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the

Commission concludes that the proposed action would result in no significant radiological environmental impact.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed change to the Technical Specification involves one component in the plant which is located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impacts. Therefore, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed amendment.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action:

Since the Commission concluded that there are no significant environmental effects that would result from the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impacts need not be evaluated.

Alternative Use of Resources:

The action would involve no use of resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station dated December 1974.

Agencies and Persons Consulted:

The NRC staff reviewed the licensee's request and did not consult other agencies or persons.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

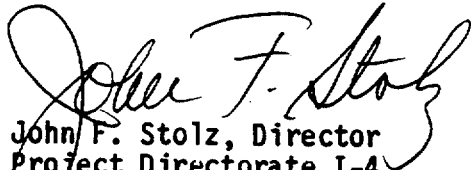
The staff has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed amendment.

Based upon the foregoing environmental assessment, we conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated December 7, 1990, which is available for public inspection in the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20555 and the Ocean County Library, Reference Department, 101 Washington Street, Toms River, New Jersey 08753.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 16th day of January 1991.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John F. Stolz". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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