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M. Plesset, Chairman
Oyster Creek Subcommittee

OYSTER CREEK RADIATION PROTECTION PROGRAM - PROPOSED CIVIL PENALTIES FOR APPARENT ITEMS OF NONCOMPLIANCE

Attached is a NRC Inspection and Enforcement (I&E) letter describing five items of apparent noncompliance discovered during a special I&E radiation protection inspection conducted March 18-19, 1980 at the Oyster Creek plant. I&E has fined Jersey Central Power and Light \$21,000.

As noted in the letter, NRC has long been concerned with the adequacy of the Oyster Creek radiation protection Program. Recall that the facility was fined \$26,000 in January 1979 for infractions, some of which involved the radiation protection program. I&E also noted that management controls established after the January 1979 inspection to prevent recurrence of the cited infractions failed, since four of the five items of noncompliance noted above are second occurrences.

I spoke with Mr. R. Keimig, Inspection Chief, at I&E Region I concerning the above situation. He noted that GPU has taken over management of the radiation protection program and that a new Health Physicist has been hired. Mr. Keimig believes the Oyster Creek management has "turned the situation around" and is well on the way to correcting their problems. He also noted that the two I&E Resident Inspectors will be keeping close watch of the situation.

In light of the above efforts by Oyster Creek management, I recommend no ACRS action at this time. However, since there was a previous failure of management control to rectify the problems I will continue to closely monitor the situation to assure this issue is satisfactorily resolved.

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