

June 27, 2002

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Dear Mr. Mulligan:

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Your June 6 and 17, 2002, messages do not meet the criteria for consideration under 10 CFR 2.206 because the proposed Oyster Creek amendment is still under review by the NRC staff, and members of the public can petition to intervene (see Enclosure 3, 67 *Federal Register* 10006) according to the provisions specified in 10 CFR 2.714. Issues that you mentioned in your messages are among those being evaluated by the NRC staff, and will be addressed, if and when the amendment is issued, in the safety evaluation associated with the amendment.

You were concerned about "refueling reliability," and stated that you found no NRC documents under this term. We looked into ADAMS and found a number of Oyster Creek documents under the term "refueling" (for example, Inspection Report 50-219/200-003, dated December 20, 2000, covers activities of the last refueling outage).

Thank you for your interest in the safe operation of our country's nuclear power plants.

Sincerely,

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