

November 18, 2002

Ms. Edith Gbur
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SUBJECT: SECURITY CONCERN AT WAREHOUSE NEAR OYSTER CREEK
GENERATING STATION

Dear Ms. Gbur:

Thank you for your phone call on October 31, 2002, to Mr. Peter Tam, NRC project manager for Oyster Creek, regarding the security at a warehouse at the Oyster Creek Generating Station. Specifically, you expressed concerns regarding the lack of security at the loading dock of an unidentified warehouse. Due to the absence of a security barrier or security guard at that location you noted that a vehicle may obtain access to the loading dock from Route 9.

The NRC senior resident inspector toured the area surrounding Oyster Creek Generating Station on October 31, 2002. An area similar to the one you have described was found. This warehouse loading dock is designed to permit vehicle access to offload materials while remaining outside the protected area of the plant. Normal use of this particular facility does not compromise the plant security features.

As you may be aware, on February 25, 2002, the NRC issued Orders to all operating power reactor facilities to require certain compensatory security measures be taken beyond that called for by current regulations. These measures are the result of the NRC's consideration of current safeguards and security plan requirements, as well as a review of information provided by the intelligence community. The Orders generally formalized a series of steps that nuclear power plant licensees had been advised to take by the NRC in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on September 11th, as well as certain additional security enhancements. For security reasons, the details of specific security requirements cannot be made public, but include such things as strict controls of personnel entering the plant; increased control of vehicles approaching nuclear facilities; increased vehicle standoff distances; extensive searches; external vehicle barriers; and close examination of all materials and vehicles entering the plant.

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If you have any further questions or concerns on this matter, please feel free to contact me at (610) 337-5146.

Sincerely,

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For/

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