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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF FINAL OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR  
STATION ACCIDENT SEQUENCE PRECURSOR ANALYSIS

This memorandum provides the final results of an accident sequence precursor (ASP) analysis of an operational event that occurred at Oyster Creek Nuclear Station on July 23, 2012. This analysis has a final conditional core damage probability (CCDP) of  $5 \times 10^{-5}$  which is less than the threshold for a *significant* precursor (i.e., CCDP greater than or equal to  $1 \times 10^{-3}$ ).

In accordance with U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Regulatory Issue Summary 2006-24, "Revised Review and Transmittal Process for Accident Sequence Precursor Analyses," this analysis was not sent out for formal review to the licensee, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), and Region I because the analysis had a preliminary CCDP of less than  $1 \times 10^{-4}$ . However, feedback received from informal reviews by NRR and Region I were incorporated into the analysis, as appropriate.

The ASP Program continues to systematically review licensee event reports (LERs) and all other event reporting information [e.g., inspection reports (IRs)] for potential precursors, and to analyze those events which have the potential to be precursors. The complete summary of FY 2012 ASP events will be provided in the upcoming Commission paper on the status of the ASP Program and Standardized Plant Analysis Risk (SPAR) Models due to be issued in October 2013.

**Transmittal to Licensee Requested.** We are requesting NRR to send the enclosed final ASP analysis to the licensee for their information. The ASP analysis will be made publically available after the analysis has been transmitted to the licensee. Please inform us when the ASP analysis has been sent to the licensee.

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*Summary of Analysis Results.* This operational event resulted in a CCDP of  $5 \times 10^{-5}$ . The detailed ASP analysis can be found in the Enclosure.

*Risk Insights.* The dominant sequence for this analysis involves the LOOP initiating event and operator errors. The risk of the at-power LOOP event was heavily influenced by the dependency between operator errors associated with manual depressurization and Emergency Condenser operation.

**Sensitive Information.** The detailed ASP analysis has been reviewed in accordance with current guidance of sensitive unclassified non-safeguards information, and it has been determined that it may be released to the public.

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