

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION I 631 PARK AVENUE KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19406

Docket No. 50-219

OCT 2 1 1980

Jersey Central Power and Light Company ATTN: Mr. Ivan R. Finfrock, Jr. Vice President Madison Avenue at Punch Bowl Road Morristown, New Jersey 07960

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 50-219/80-23

This refers to your letter dated September 15, 1980, in response to our letter dated August 20, 1980.

Thank you for the explanation documented in your letter concerning the item of noncompliance which we cited. By your own admission, the situation arose when the attention of the Group Shift Surarvisor was diverted by other operations in progress thereby causing him to fail to implement the verbal directive. We view the fact that distractions such as "operations in progress" could cause the failure to implement safety significant directives for a period of 16 hours to be indicative of an inadequate mechanism for insuring management instructions are followed. Therefore, we find the item of noncompliance to stand as cited. We understand, based on conversations between Mr. Briggs of this office and Messrs Carroll, Sullivan and other members of your staff on September 25 and October 7, 1980, that Procedure 106 will be revised to formalize the Operational Memos and Directives notebook which will be used to issue management directives that are of short term applicability and that this notebook will be required reading, with appropriate sign off, for each shift and operating supervisor at each shift turnover. We also understand that the above action will be completed by October 24, 1980. These actions will be examined during a subsequent inspection of your licensed program.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

George H. Smith, Chief Fuel Facility and Materials

Safety Branch

cc: J. T. Carroll, Station Manager