

RO INQUIRY REPORT NO. 50-219/72-30

Subject: Jersey Central Power & Light Company

Facility: Oyster Creek - BWR

License No.: DPR-16

Title: Exceed Technical Specification Limits - Rad Waste Storage
Tank Inventory

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A. Date and Manner AEC was Informed:

September 21, 1972, by telephone call from Mr. T. J. McCluskey, Plant Superintendent.

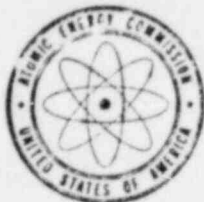
B. Description of Particular Event or Circumstance:

The inventory of the outside rad waste storage tank farm was found to be 27.74 Ci when a sample of the contents taken at 8:00 a.m. on September 20 was analyzed. Technical Specification paragraph 3.6.C limits inventory to 10.0 Ci and directs that the contents be recycled if the inventory exceeds 5.0 Ci. During operations in the rad waste area on the weekend of September 16 and 17, a transfer cart moving a drum of liquid waste sludge tipped, dropping the drum and spilling the contents. Significant decontamination was necessary in order to affect repairs to equipment damaged in the incident. Drumming operations were halted, pending completion of this work. Processing of the liquid waste generated as a result of the clean up operation resulted in the violation.

C. Action by Licensee:

Recycling of the tank farm contents had reduced the inventory to less than 10 Ci by 11:00 p.m. on September 20 and to 5 Ci by 3:00 a.m. on September 21. As in previous cases, some of the excess inventory was also being trucked off site by the licensee's rad waste contractor, Nuclear Engineering Corporation. The Plant Operating Review Committee and the General Office Review Board will review this violation. The licensee will submit a ten day written report of this occurrence to Licensing.

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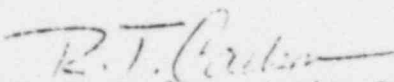
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JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
OYSTER CREEK - BWR
EXCEED TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION LIMITS - RAD WASTE STORAGE TANK INVENTORY

The subject inquiry report is forwarded for your information.

This makes the third time (IR No. 50-219/72-18 and 50-219/72-27) since the Technical Specification limit for tank farm inventory was increased from 0.7 Ci to 10.0 Ci that the new limit has been exceeded. The licensee was again informed of our concerns regarding the apparent inability of Jersey Central to implement effective controls with regard to rad waste storage tank inventory. Mr. McCluskey stated that Jersey Central was putting forth efforts to correct the general problem and that this included the help of their consultants, MPR Associates, for both short range and long range measures. He reiterated the views expressed by Mr. Ross at the time of the last incident, to the effect that although this occasion was more in the line of a "one of a kind" occurrence, it still reflected negatively overall and that both he and his management shared the concern expressed by RO:I. Further, that this would be factored into the review of the incident by the Plant Operating Review Committee. The writer requested that the General Office Review Board be informed of RO:I views with respect to these occurrences. Mr. McCluskey stated that the GORB was scheduled to meet on September 22 and that they would be so informed.

We intend to continue following the licensee's actions with respect to this general problem and will keep your office informed as is appropriate. As is noted in the report, the licensee will submit a written report within ten days as required by the Technical Specifications.


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