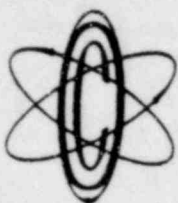


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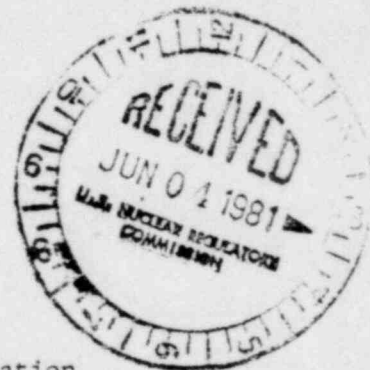
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June 1, 1981

Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir:

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
Docket No. 50-219
Outage of Meteorological Instrumentation



In accordance with our Operating License and Technical Specification (Appendix B, Section 3.3) we are reporting meteorological instrumentation outages, which exceeded seven consecutive days. Two separate outages were identified by our staff on May 1, 1981. Subsequently, the data was reviewed by our environmental personnel and submitted for internal management review at which time a decision was made to notify the staff by telephone. This was accomplished on May 28, 1981 via telephone from Jim Knubel, JCP&L to Jim Lombardo of the Nuclear Regulatory commission. The first outage began on July 28, 1980 at 8:00 p.m. and ended on August 8, 1980 at 10:00 a.m.. Data from the 10 meter wind direction monitoring system was lost for 10 days and 15 hours. This data loss was caused by a V76 central computer disk failure coupled with a simultaneous electronic failure of an Esterline Angus L1152S Recorder. The second outage started on December 19, 1980 at 3:00 p.m. and ended on December 30, 1980 at 7:00 p.m.. Total outage time was 11 days 5 hours. A telemetry telephone line failure prevented data transmission through December 22, 1980, during which time, the 10 meter wind speed monitoring had been turned off on the computer and was restored on December 30, 1980. During this period, the Esterline Angus L1152S strip chart recorder, monitoring data from this instrument, jammed. Although local meteorological data on both occasions was available, historical data for these periods was lost.

Immediate corrective action was taken to repair the computer equipment and respective recorders. In order to assure that future outages of meteorological monitoring equipment are recognized in a more timely manner, the station's meteorological consultants, Pickard, Lowe and Garrick, Inc., have been instructed to review all incoming data on a monthly basis and notify us immediately of any extended outages that may occur.

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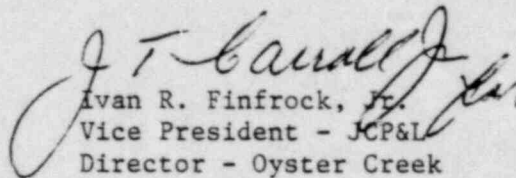
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If you should have any additional questions concerning this matter please contact Mr. Michael Laggart at (609) 693-6932.

Very truly yours,


Ivan R. Finfrock, Jr.
Vice President - JCP&L
Director - Oyster Creek

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