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Docket No. 50-219

MAR 25 1981

Jersey Central Power and Light Company ATTN: Mr. Ivan R. Finfrock, Jr. Vice President P. O. Box 388 Forked River, New Jersey 08731

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Subject: Inspection 50-219/81-01

This refers to the routine inspection conducted by Mr. J. A. Thomas of this office on January 5-31, 1981 at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, Forked River, New Jersey of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-16 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Thomas with Mr. J. T. Carroll and other members of your staff periodically during this inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. This item of noncompliance has been categorized into the levels described in the Federal Register Notice (45 FR 66754) dated October 7, 1980. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

Item A in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter was identified during a previous inspection of your licensed activities on May 1-30, 1980 and was documented in the enclosure to our letter dated August 11, 1980. Your letter to this office dated September 3, 1980 stated: "This occurrence will be discussed with the Operations personnel as an example of the problems that can occur when alarms are not promptly followed up and corrected. This material and a directive memo from the Operations Supervisor will be promulgated to all Operations personnel." From our January 5-31, 1981 inspection it appears that the stated corrective actions were not effective since this item has recurred. Recurrent and uncorrected items of noncompliance are given additional weight in the consideratior and selection of appropriate enforcement action. Therefore, in your response to this letter, you should give particular attention to those actions taken or planned to ensure that identified items of noncompliance will be completely corrected and will not recur.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractor) believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within 20 days to this office to withhold such information from public disclosure. Any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information, which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a statement of reasons which addresses with specificity the items which will be considered by the Commission as listed in subparagraph (b) (4) of Section 2.790. The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Eldon J. Brunner, Acting Director, Division of Resident and Project Inspection

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation

 Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection Report Number 50-219/81-01

cc w/encls:

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