Docket No. 50-219 License No. 50-DPR-16

GPU Nuclear Corporation
ATTN: Mr. Eugene E. Fitzpatrick
Vice President and Director
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P. O. Box 388
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection Report No. 50-219/89-27

This letter refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by M. Banerjee, E. Collins and D. Lew, for the period October 8, 1989, through November 4, 1989, at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. The inspection consisted of document reviews, personnel interviews and observations of activities. The enclosed report documents the inspection results. Inspectors discussed the findings with you and members of your staff after the inspection.

Paragraph 3.0 of the enclosed report discusses an event involving a temporary variation to the core spray booster pump breaker. The controls taken on the temporary variation were not conducted in accordance with the site's procedural requirements governing temporary variations. As a result of this event, the temporary variation was effectively modified for a period of time without the appropriate safety review and documentation. Although no adverse condition resulted from this event, your increased attention in the area of equipment control is warranted to ensure that the appropriate safety review, documentation and verification of temporary variations is performed and that no adverse condition exists.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that some of your activities with regard to temporary variation controls were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation enclosed herewith as Appendix A. The violation has been categorized by severity level in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy). You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

I appreciate your cooperation with us in these matters.

Sincerely,

E. Wenzinger, Chief Projects Branch No. 4

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