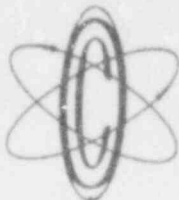


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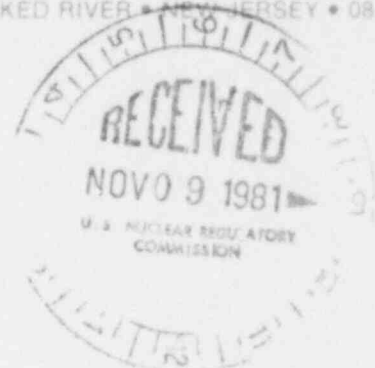
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October 23, 1981

Mr. Ronald Haynes, Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, PA 19406



Dear Mr. Haynes:

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
Docket No. 50-219
IE Bulletin #80-17, Supplement 3 - Relaxation
of Requirement

The subject IE Bulletin involves a single failure mechanism the control rod drive control air system which could result in loss of scram function. The bulletin requires, among other things, that operating procedures be revised to direct an immediate scram in the event of a marked change in the number of control rod drives (CRD) exceeding high temperature alarm set points. By letter dated August 29, 1980, it was confirmed that the Oyster Creek Station procedure had been revised to include this requirement.

Since the issuance of the subject bulletin, several modifications at the Oyster Creek Station have been completed that effectively preclude the single failure mechanism delineated in the bulletin. In order to prevent a degradation of control air pressure to the extent of allowing scram outlet valve leakage an automatic scram function on low control air pressure has been incorporated which assures that a scram will be initiated prior to scram valve leakage. The scram is initiated at a control air pressure of 55 +2 psig which is well above the 40 +2 psig at which possible leakage could occur. Additionally, the scram dump volume water level Continuous Monitoring System (CMS) has been completed and functionally tested. This system is currently in operation and forewarns the operator of any water buildup in a scram discharge volume thereby alerting him to the development of an inadequate dump volume condition.

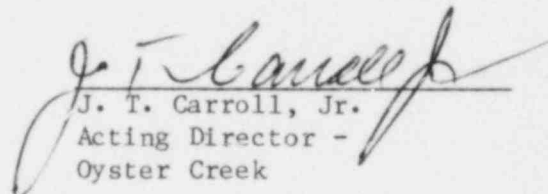
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Since the modifications discussed above provide direct mitigating action and indication for the event in question, it is our intent, with your concurrence, to remove from the procedure the immediate scram requirement on CRD high temperatures which is an indirect indication of possible dump volume problems. Therefore, it is requested that a response from your office be provided indicating your position concerning this action.

If you should have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael Laggart at (609) 693-6932.

Very truly yours,


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