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Mr. Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Eisenhut:

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
Docket No. 50-219
Post TMI Requirements Item II.K.3.27 Common
Reference Level

- References:
- (1) Letter dated April 20, 1982, P.B. Fiedler, GPU to D.G. Eisenhut, NRC
 - (2) Letter dated June 23, 1980, I.R. Finfrock, GPU to D.G. Eisenhut, NRC
 - (3) Letter dated September 26, 1980, I.R. Finfrock, GPU to D.G. Eisenhut, NRC
 - (4) Letter dated February 10, 1981, I.R. Finfrock, GPU to D.G. Eisenhut, NRC

The purpose of this letter is to clarify our status on NUREG 0737, Item II K.3.27, Common Reference Level for Vessel Level Instrumentation, submitted to you April 20, 1982 (Reference 1).

As stated in our previous correspondence (References 2 and 3 above), we are currently using level indicators and recorders with dual scales. One is the original reference level and the other is referenced to the top of the active fuel. We are presently in a transition period whereby the operators are becoming accustomed to the new scale markings. Our final phase of implementation will involve the deletion of all references to the old scales, procedure revisions and conducting the necessary training. This will be completed during our upcoming refueling outage. As stated previously, we feel that the refueling outage period is the most advantageous time for this transition because level instrumentation in the normal operating range is not used during this period and the margin for operator misjudgement is reduced. Therefore, our 'complete' statement in Table 1 of Reference 1 referred only to modifications and not implementation.



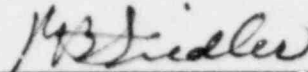
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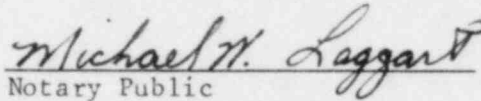
If you should have any further questions, please contact Mr. Jim Knubel, Manager, BWR Licensing at (609) 693-6932.

Very truly yours,



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Vice President and Director
Oyster Creek

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 7 day
of May 1982.


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My Commission Expires December 31, 1983

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