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GPU Nuclear Corporation
ATTN: Mr. Eugene E. Fitzpatrick
Vice President and Director
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection Report No. 50-219/90-12

This letter refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by E. Collins for the period July 12, 1990, through August 22, 1990, 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.

Resident and regional inspectors reviewed the plant and operator response to the Unusual Event of August 6, 1990. During this event, water introduced into the drywell caused high indicated plant unidentified leakage and caused drywell pressure to rise. In response to the rise in drywell pressure, the control room operators relieved drywell pressure using the routine drywell vent path. The inspectors concluded the control room operators' response to this event was appropriate and that station procedures were adequate. The venting of the drywell during this event did not cause offsite radiation levels to increase. The water introduced into the drywell did not degrade plant equipment. Your review of this event accurately identified the root cause. Your corrective actions were appropriate.

During the exit meeting, you committed to revise a station procedure to include a requirement for operators to monitor radiation indication during drywell venting. If your understanding of the commitment differs, please contact me.

I appreciate your cooperation with us in these matters.

Sincerely,
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Enclosures:

1. Executive Summary
2. NRC Region I Report No. 50-219/90-12

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