

Docket No. 50-219

MAR 29 1994

Mr. John J. Barton
Vice President and Director
GPU Nuclear Corporation
Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
P.O. Box 388
Forked River, New Jersey 08731

Dear Mr. Barton:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-219/94-03

This letter transmits the report of the resident safety inspection conducted by Messrs. L. Briggs and S. Pindale for the period January 24, 1994, through March 7, 1994, at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. The inspection consisted of document reviews, personnel interviews and observation of activities. The inspectors discussed the findings with Mr. S. Levin and other members of your staff after the inspection. Inspector observations during this report period indicate that overall plant operations were conducted safely.

Based on the results of this inspection, two of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation. We are concerned about the violation regarding the inadequate document review because it is similar both in nature and in consequence to previous NRC violations, in that inadequate technical reviews resulted in operational occurrences. The most significant similar event was the degraded core cooling event, which occurred on January 23-25, 1993. The recurring nature of these issues indicate the need for prompt management attention in this area.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. The response directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Public Law No. 96.511.

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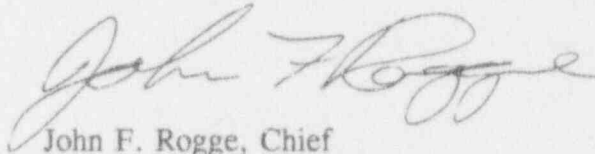
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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John F. Rogge".

John F. Rogge, Chief
Reactor Projects Section 4B,
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report No. 50-219/94-03

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