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Docket No. 50-219 LS05-82- 03 021

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Dear Mr. Fiedler:

SUBJECT: SYSTEMATIC EVALUATION PROGRAM TOPIC III-8.A, LOOSE PARTS MONITORING AND CORE BARREL VIBRATION PROGRAM - OYSTER CREEK

Enclosed is a copy of our evaluation of Systematic Evaluation Program Topic III-8.A.

You are requested to examine the facts upon which the staff has based its evaluation and respond either by confirming that the facts are correct, or by identifying errors and supplying the corrected information. We encourage you to supply any other material that might affect the staff's evaluation of this topic or be significant in the integrated assessment of your facility.

The need to actually implement a Loose Parts Monitoring Program will be determined during the integrated safety assessment.

Your response is requested within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received by that time we will assume that you have no comments or corrections.

Sincerely,

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SYSTEMATIC EVALUATION PROGRAM. TOPIC LII-8.A

OYSTER CREEK

TOPIC: III-8.A, Loose Parts Monitoring and Core Barrel Vibration Program

I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this topic is to review the inservice surveillance program to detect loose parts and excessive motion of the main core support structure. The objective is to detect loose parts or excessive vibration before they can cause flow blockage or mechanical damage to the fuel or other safety related components.

II. REVIÉW CRITERIA

Standard Review Plan (SRP) Section 4.4, Regulatory Guide (R.G.) 1.133.

III. RELATED SAFETY TOPICS AND INTERFACES

V-1, Compliance With Codes and Standards (10 CFR 50.55a).

IV. REVIEW GUIDELINES

See Evaluation.

V. EVALUATION

1. LOOSE PARTS MONITORING:

R.G. 1.133, "Loose-Part Detection Program for the Primary System of Light-Water-Cooled Reactors," Revision 2, describes features for monitoring loose parts within the reactor coolant pressure boundary (RCPB). These features include sensors strategically located on the exterior surface of the RCPB capable of detecting acoustic disturbances, specifications for system sensitivity, alert levels, data acquisition modes and other system and procedural requirements. Oyster Creek does not have a loose parts monitoring program that meets the criteria of this guide.

2. CORE BARREL VIBRATION:

This concern is only for plants built by Combustion Engineering and has been resolved generically.

VI. CONCLUSION

 A Loose Parts Monitoring Program, (i.e., detection system and procedures as specified in Section C.2 and C.3 of R.G. 1.133, Rev. 1) as currently required for new facilities does not exist at Oyster Creek.

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2. The need to actually implement a Loose Parts Monitoring Program will be determined during the integrated assessment.