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Docket No. 50-219

GPU Nuclear Corporation
ATTN: Mr. P. B. Fiedler
Vice President and Director
Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
P. O. Box 388
Forked River, New Jersey 08731

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 50-219/84-09

This refers to the special Readiness Assessment Team inspection conducted by various inspectors and led by Mr. Lowell Tripp of this office. The inspection was conducted on March 26-30, 1984 at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, Forked River, New Jersey and on April 2 and 3, 1984 at the offices of your contractor, Stone and Webster, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. The inspection reviewed activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-16. The results of this inspection were discussed with you, Mr. R. Wilson, Dr. R. Long, and other members of the GPUN staff on March 30, 1984 and by conference call on April 4, 1984.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, examinations of work completed on modifications, and observations by the inspectors.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that several of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These violations have been categorized by severity level in accordance with the revised NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C) published in the Federal Register Notice (49 FR 8583) dated March 8, 1984. You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

Of particular concern to the NRC is the apparent problem associated with changes to design documents made by GPUN which were not adequately communicated to the organization responsible for the original design in order to properly determine the impact of the changes on the design. In light of this concern, we requested, in a telephone call from Mr. R. Keimig of this office to Mr. P. Clark on April 6, 1984, that GPUN review this area to assess the magnitude and technical significance of this problem. We understand that this review will include a comprehensive audit of this area by the GPUN QA department and that any necessary corrective actions will be completed prior to the restart of the Oyster Creek facility. Also, we understand that GPUN will conduct a design review of the scram discharge volume modification taking into consideration the cumulative potential effect of the numerous changes that were processed in completing this modification. If your plans are different from our understanding as stated above, please inform us promptly.

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Pending our reviews of the QA audit results, the design review of the scram discharge modification, other open items identified in the enclosed inspection report and your actions to correct apparent violations and deficiencies, we cannot reach a determination regarding the readiness for operation of the plant. We will advise you of our conclusion upon completion of our reviews.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you notify this office, by telephone, within ten days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within thirty days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1). The telephone notification of your intent to request withholding, or any request for an extension of the 10 day period which you believe to be necessary, should be made to the Supervisor, Files, Mail and Records, USNRC, Region I, at (215) 337-5223.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Richard W. Starostecki, Director
Division of Project and Resident Programs

Enclosures:

- 1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
- 2. NRC Region I Inspection Report
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