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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, NJ 08731

Gentlemen:

Subject: Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Report No.  
50-219/84-19

This refers to the SALP for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station conducted by this office on June 11, 1984, and discussed with you and your staff at a meeting on July 23, 1984. A list of attendees at the meeting is presented as Enclosure 1. The NRC Region I SALP Report is attached as Enclosure 2 and evaluates the period February 1, 1983, to April 30, 1984. Our letter dated July 10, 1984, and your letter dated August 24, 1984, which provided your proposed actions and comments regarding the SALP Board Report, are attached as Enclosures 3 and 4, respectively.

Our overall assessment is that you have devoted substantial management attention to improving overall performance at Oyster Creek. Your improved performance, resulting in a Category I evaluation in Operations, in Radiation Protection, and in Surveillance, is commendable. We also note that there were no areas rated as Category 3. This reflects the commitment on the part of GPU management to meet high performance standards. Some isolated shortcomings in the areas of outage, technical support and licensing activities were discussed at the meeting and in your August 24 response. We expect that your proposed actions in these areas will be effective in continued improvement of your overall performance.

In your letter of August 24, 1984, you responded to four of the nine functional areas of the SALP Report. In the first area, Plant Operations and Outage Control, we note your recent corrective actions taken to improve the timeliness of LER submittals. We will review these actions in the future. Regarding your comments in the Emergency Preparedness area, we have amended the last paragraph of page 16 of the SALP report to acknowledge the efforts of your emergency preparedness staff. Regarding your comments concerning the adequacy of recirculation piping testing in the Outage Technical Support area, we agree that the conclusiveness of the testing, not the adequacy of the testing, was at issue, and we have revised page 18 accordingly. However, in the last area, Licensing, we continue to believe that there is room for improvement in the content of SEP and fire protection submittals.

No reply to this letter is required. In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. Your proposed actions in response to the NRC Systematic Assessment

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of Licensee Performance contained in your letter will be reviewed in future inspections of your licensed activities.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
Thomas E. Murley  
Thomas E. Murley  
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

- 1. List of Attendees
- 2. NRC Region I SALP Report
- 3. Ltr to GPUN dtd 7/10/84
- 4. Ltr to NRC dtd 8/24/84

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 review of GPUN letter  
 and concurrence  
 with response/minutes  
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RI:DPRP  
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 9/11/84

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 9/14/84*

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*Retelling - was re/EP & HP  
 changes 9/29/84*

LIST OF ATTENDEES

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