

December 6, 1995

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SUBJECT: OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION RESPONSE TO SYSTEMATIC
ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE (SALP) EVALUATION

Dear Mr. Barton:

This letter refers to our recent Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) evaluation, documented in inspection report 50-219/95-99, and the August 24, 1995, meeting we held with you and your staff to discuss the results of this assessment. In your response to our assessment of the Plant Support functional area during the SALP meeting, you stated your belief that our assessment of this area as Category 2 may not have considered all pertinent information and indicated that you would provide additional information for consideration by the SALP Board. By letter, dated September 1, 1995, we requested your written comments in accordance with our SALP Management Directive 8.6.

Accordingly, you provided additional information by letter dated September 27, 1995, and the SALP Board was reconvened on October 19, 1995, to consider the additional information and to determine if a modification of our assessment was warranted. We acknowledge that the cover letter inoperability statement regarding the diesel generators was not precise and leads to misinterpretation of the issue. Further, as you point out, the maintenance area statement indicating a plant shutdown for excessive nitrogen leakage through the V-27 valves was incorrect in that the shutdown was only initiated. Replacement pages to correct these errors are enclosed.

After careful review of the Plant Support functional area information you provided and the inspection information considered at the original SALP board meeting, we found no substantively new information was provided regarding performance during the period. While we acknowledge your past source term reduction accomplishments and future plans, the source term at Oyster Creek remains high. Further, we acknowledge your performance in the health physics area has been excellent. However, considering the aggressiveness in addressing the source term challenge, the examples of inappropriate control of shielding that compromised ALARA, and the longstanding issues with security lighting, your overall performance in the Plant Support area did not rise to the level of superior performance. The reconvened SALP Board concluded that their original Category 2 assessment was appropriate.

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We will be reviewing your progress in these areas during the current SALP period. Additionally, the new Plant Performance Review process will assist us in monitoring your performance on a more frequent basis than the SALP process. We welcome further dialogue on any aspect of your Plant Support functional area or other functional area programs.

No response to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed by:
Thomas T. Martin*

Thomas T. Martin
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: As Stated

Docket No. 50-219

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