

December 12, 1995

Mr. John J. Barton
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Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
P.O. Box 388
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-219/95-22

Dear Mr. Barton:

This letter transmits the report of the resident safety inspection conducted by Messrs. L. Briggs and S. Pindale for the period October 16, 1995, through November 19, 1995, at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. The inspectors reviewed documents, interviewed personnel, and observed activities. The inspection findings were discussed with Messrs. M. Roche and S. Levin and other members of your staff after the inspection. The inspectors found that overall plant operations were conducted safely.

This report includes findings of resident and region-based inspectors in order to better integrate our inspection findings into a consistent regulatory message and more clearly communicate how these findings may reflect a change in your performance.

During the inspection period, we note that your staff capably identified, evaluated, planned and implemented corrective maintenance activities to correct several significant equipment problems. These include replacing the "C" feedwater pump seals and bearings, replacing the "A" control rod drive pump, and repairing a primary power supply to continuous instrument panel CIP-3. Your staff also continued effective evaluation and troubleshooting in an attempt to identify minor flow, speed and reactor power fluctuations observed in the reactor recirculation control system. The scope of this necessary work was aggressive, and the activities were conducted safely and conservatively.

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.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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