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Docket No. 50-219  
Licensee No. DPR-16  
EA No. 92-071

Mr. John J. Barton  
Vice President and Director  
GPU Nuclear Corporation  
Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station  
P.O. Box 388  
Forked River, New Jersey 08731

Dear Mr. Barton:

SUBJECT: INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-219/92-04

This refers to the routine resident safety inspection conducted by Mr. D. Vito for the period February 23, 1992, through March 28, 1992, at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. The inspection consisted of document reviews, personnel interviews and observations of activities. Inspectors discussed the findings with you and members of your staff after the inspection.

The lack of maintenance and testing of the technical support center (TSC) ventilation system was identified as an apparent violation of NRC requirements. This violation is being considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy), 10 CFR 2, Appendix C. Please note that the revised Enforcement Policy was issued in the Federal Register effective February 18, 1992. No Notice of Violation is presently being issued for this inspection finding. Our characterization of the apparent violation may change after further NRC review.

An enforcement conference to discuss the apparent violation has been scheduled for April 30, 1992. The purposes of this conference are to discuss the apparent violation, its cause, and safety significance; to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report; to provide an opportunity for you to present your proposed corrective action(s); and to discuss any other information that will help us determine the appropriate enforcement action in accordance with the Enforcement Policy. In particular, we expect you to address your compliance with other portions of the TMI Action Plan imposed by Order. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter. No response regarding the apparent violation is required at this time.

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In addition, we also identified a problem with the way certain electrical equipment checkoff lists were written and performed. Breaker labels did not match names listed in the checkoff lists. Operators were not identifying this problem as required by your administrative procedures. Accordingly, this activity appears to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). You are required to respond to the violation and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response.

During this inspection period, GPUN informed the NRC of performance problems with equipment operator (EO) rounds at Oyster Creek. Our review of this matter determined that GPUN was performing extensive reviews and investigations to understand the nature of these problems. Our inspector did not find any significant new problems with EO rounds during this inspection. However, to help us fully understand the issue, we request that you provide us with a copy of your investigation reports regarding equipment operator tours and log keeping practices following completion of your investigation. In addition to the report, we request that you tell us your perspective on the issue of performance expectations of personnel outside the control room. We are particularly interested in the performance issues identified during the investigation and your plans to address these issues. We request that you provide this information within 10 days of receipt of this letter.

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.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Public Law No. 96.511.

I appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Charles W. Hehl, Director  
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Report No. 50-219/92-04

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