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Docket No. 50-219  
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Mr. John J. Barton  
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Dear Mr. Barton:

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

This refers to the routine resident safety inspection conducted by Mr. D. Vito from February 23, 1992, through March 28, 1992, at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. During this inspection, further review of an unresolved item discussed in inspection report 50-219/91-37, regarding the technical support center (TSC) ventilation system, was performed. The results of this review indicated that the inadequate maintenance and testing of the TSC ventilation system was an apparent violation of NRC requirements. The inspection reports which documented the review of this issue, 50-219/91-37 and 50-219/92-04, were issued on January 16, 1992, and April 21, 1992, respectively. The issues related to the apparent violation were discussed at an enforcement conference at the NRC Region I Office on April 30, 1992.

We have concluded, after reviewing the reports and talking with you, that inadequate maintenance and testing of the TSC ventilation system was in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation. You indicated during the enforcement conference that maintenance and testing had been performed on the TSC ventilation system since completion of facility construction in 1985. However, until November 1991 the maintenance and testing that had been performed was not adequate to identify or prevent the degradation of the ventilation system. You noted that the responsibility for ensuring the maintenance of the TSC was divided between the onsite maintenance and emergency preparedness (EP) organizations and that the maintenance and testing of the TSC ventilation system was a maintenance responsibility. The maintenance of supplies, procedures, and equipment contained within the TSC itself was an EP responsibility. While the division of responsibilities for maintaining the TSC and its support systems is at your discretion, we remind you that the ability of the TSC to meet its intended emergency response function depends on appropriate and timely implementation of each area of responsibility.

You also stated at the enforcement conference that you felt the violation was self-identified. While GPUN identified the technical aspects of this issue, the fact that these conditions constituted violation of the requirements of 10 CFR 50.47(b)(8) and the commitments

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