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Docket No. 50-219 Licensee No. DPR-16

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: 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 1 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 of supplies, procedures, and equipment contained within the TSC itself was an EP responsibility. While the division of responsibilities for maintaining 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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confirmed by the June 12, 1984, Confirmatory Order was identified by the NRC in the course of our inspection efforts. We are concerned with the difficultly you experienced in identifying and understanding the prior commitments made to the NRC related to the design and construction of the TSC. This appears to have contributed to several missed opportunities to identify and correct the degraded condition of the TSC ventilation system. This is of particular concern because the commitments were the subject of a June 12, 1984, Confirmatory Order. During the enforcement conference you indicated that you had performed a review of other Confirmatory Orders, specifically related to the TMI Action Plan Items, and did not identify any other similar problems.

Your root cause assessment noted your lack of a clear understanding of the requirements for testing and maintaining the TSC ventilation system and a weakness in the turnover process used at the time that TSC construction was completed. During your presentation you stated that the existing turnover procedures would prevent this type of failure from occurring. In addition, you stated that you had reviewed items on the incomplete work list (IWL) to ensure that similar conditions do not exist.

As discussed at the enforcement conference, you have initiated several corrective actions. Your immediate corrective actions appear to have adequately addressed the existing degradation of the TSC ventilation system. Long term corrective actions addressing the prevention of similar events will be reviewed by the NRC as they are implemented. Review of your corrective actions as described in your presentation will be documented in future NRC inspection reports pending the review of your response to the attached Notice of Violation.

You are required to respond to the violation and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. 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,

Orthinal Signed By

Charles W. Hehl, Director Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

1. Inspection Report 50-219/92-04 Notice of Violation

2. GPUN's Enforcement Conference Presentation of April 30, 1977.

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