

APPENDIX A

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

GPU Nuclear Corporation  
Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station

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

During an NRC inspection conducted April 6 - 10, 1992, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, (1990), the violation is listed below:

Code of Federal Regulations Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, Corrective Action, requires that measures shall be established to assure that conditions adverse to quality, such as failures, deficiencies, defective material and equipment, are promptly identified and corrected. Procedure No. 118, "Preventive Maintenance Administrative Procedure" requires that technical information such as vendor and industry information be reviewed and distributed to various operating departments for action. Sections III and IV of Procedure No. 118 require that the Plant Engineering Director "Research and record technical information for the proposed PM task; [and] provide technical information to accommodate the maintenance initiation date of the PM task," and the Plant Operations Director "Review PM technical requirements [and]...schedule PMs for field execution."

Contrary to the above, neither the Plant Engineering Director or the Plant Operations Director performed appropriate engineering reviews or established appropriate preventive maintenance procedures to evaluate the physical condition or cycle time of the 4160 volt electric breaker "prop springs" as discussed in General Electric Service Advisory Letter (SAL) No. 348.1. Although this SAL had been reviewed by a staff engineer, a decision had been made to delay corrective action for two years. No plant management review of this decision was made nor was any action to inspect 4160 volt breakers for spring wear or to revise their preventive maintenance procedures to correct the problems described in GE SAL 348.1. As a result of this inaction, on April 5, 1992, a General Electric 4160 volt breaker "prop spring" failed, causing the breaker to open. The failure of this breaker caused the No. 1 diesel generator to be declared inoperable.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, GPU Nuclear Corporation is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region I, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if

contested, the basis for disputing the violation; (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved; (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations; and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at: King of Prussia, PA  
this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1992