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December 27, 1995

Mr. John J. Barton
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Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
P.O. Box 388
Forked River, New Jersey 08731

SUBJECT: OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
EXERCISE: NRC INSPECTION NO. 50-219/95-20 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Barton:

Enclosed is the NRC report of the November 1 through 2, 1995, announced inspection of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station Emergency Preparedness (EP) full-participation, biennial exercise led by Mr. L. Eckert. Our inspection findings are based on inspector observations, discussions with your staff, and document review. At the end of the inspection, the preliminary NRC findings were discussed with Messrs. M. Roche and S. Levin and other members of your staff.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. The inspection included review of the full participation exercise and maintenance of emergency response facilities (ERFs). Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Overall, the on-site response to the exercise scenario was good. No particular exercise strengths or weaknesses were identified. However, during our review of the maintenance of equipment in your ERFs, we identified a violation of NRC requirements. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding it are described in detail in the subject inspection report. The violation concerns us because: (1) procedural adherence to your ERF surveillance and maintenance program had been previously identified as a problem, and (2) despite the procedure having been revised several times since this problem was initially identified by the NRC and the EP manager's cautions to staff regarding procedural adherence, we found that the problem still existed.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. After reviewing your response to this

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Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure(s), and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

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, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)
J. Wiggins for
Richard R. Keimig, Chief
Emergency Preparedness and
Safeguards Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No: 50-219

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report

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