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Memo to File

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Thru: D. L. Caphton, Senior Reactor Inspector *DL*

OYSTER CREEK, Docket No. 50-219  
Telephone Contact from Mr. Dupont, Ocean Township Committeeman

Mr. Dupont contacted the assigned inspector to express concerns about Oyster Creek management. He stated that he had been contacted by an Oyster Creek employee (unnamed) concerning a "near catastrophe" at the reactor during the weekend of September 8-9, 1973. The employee informed him of the following:

1. A blackout of power at the plant and failure of the diesel generators.
2. Low water level (decrease from 14 ft. to 14 in.)
3. Excessive gases emitted from the stack.
4. Workman held up on drywell entry due to high radiation.

The inspector stated that he had no information to indicate reactor levels lower than 9 ft. above the core, and briefly described the diesel generator situation, noting that both diesels had started initially as required. The inspector further referenced dissemination of applicable reports to the PDR for Mr. Dupont's reference. Mr. Dupont asked if it would be possible to alter records and "fool" AEC. The inspector briefly described charts and recorder records. Mr. Dupont seemed quite concerned about a lack of "believability" with respect to Jersey Central, and referenced mismanagement" as concerned the recent environmental report. The inspector concluded by stating that RO was continuing its investigation of the occurrences.

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