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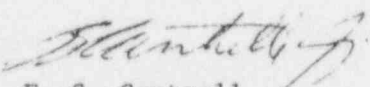
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JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY  
OYSTER CREEK

This report points out two matters at Oyster Creek that cause me a great deal of concern, the first being the attitude toward procedures. In my discussions with the Operations Supervisor, he stated that he would not have shut the plant down to recover a cold loop, despite the fact that the Operating Procedure required shutting the plant down to recover a cold loop. The reply that the Station Superintendent gave concerning this matter during our discussion was the proper course of action; however, I am not sure in my own mind that Jersey would have followed that course of action had they realized the requirement to shut the plant when this event occurred. I believe that the supervision there would have considered the requirement to shut down as being inserted in the procedure via a temporary procedure change and as such it could be removed from the procedure in the same manner. The other matter that causes me a great deal of concern is the matter of what is recorded in the log books and the fact that this event was not noted in either the control room log or the shift foreman's log. The matter of information in these log books has been discussed previously in exit interviews and at the time the licensee's representative agreed to take action to assure that more complete information was put in these logs. From my findings, it appears that this action has not been effective. This is my basis for requesting Jersey Central to address this matter in their reply to our enforcement letter. We can not discharge our responsibility to the public when we permit plant records to be only "success records", not true histories of plant operation.

An inspection was not made in the area of corrective actions to violations identified in the previous inspection; however, this matter was discussed during the exit interview. From statements made there, it appears the licensee has corrected the violations that he can correct immediately, and it appears that other action is underway to reduce the inventory of waste at the plant and to obtain help in cleaning up the plant. There is no doubt in my mind that the licensee took our meeting with management seriously.

  
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