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Mr. Daniel R. Muller
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Dear Mr. Muller:

The Department of Commerce reviewed the draft environmental impact statement for "Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, Ocean County, New Jersey," and forwarded comments to you in our letter of September 4, 1973.

Since that time, additional information has developed which is pertinent to the project. This additional information is offered for your consideration.

The release of the isotopes I-131 and I-133 in the gaseous effluent from this plant are substantially above those of the proposed Appendix I to 10 CFR 50, guidelines for "as low as practicable." Further, available technology has not been applied to reduce this effluent, mainly from the air-ejector. The AEC staff note this point in Section 3.5.2.3, pages 3-28, and state that the applicant is committed to propose a system for augmenting the present gaseous radwaste system to insure compliance with the "as low as practicable" guidelines.

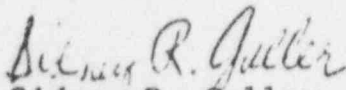
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Unfortunately, this situation and the applicant's commitment to corrective action is not included in the "Summary and Conclusions" section of the draft statement. We believe it should be included in the staff recommendations, and a commitment to correction of the gaseous iodine release levels from the air-ejector, on a reasonable time scale, should be made a formal condition on issuance of this operating license.

We hope these comments will be of further assistance to you in the preparation of the final statement.

Sincerely,



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for Environmental Affairs