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Mr. James P. O'Reilly
Directorate of Regulatory Operations, Region I
United States Atomic Energy Commission
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

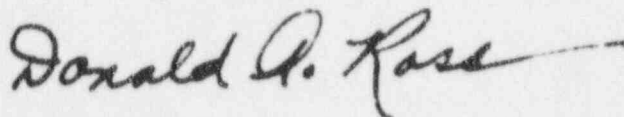
This letter is in reply to your letter of October 15, 1973 to Mr. Ivan R. Finfrock regarding the inspection conducted by Mr. Cantrell on August 3 and 6, 1973 at Oyster Creek.

The failure to make a timely notification of the snubber leakage problem when first identified at the Oyster Creek Station arose from a difference of interpretation of a new Technical Specification. As you are aware, the abnormal occurrence definition referred to in this case had not been incorporated in its present language until May 22, 1973. While the decision not to report the snubber leakage problem is now disputed, it must be recognized that one has the benefit of a significant amount of additional information and experience.

We believe that a repetition of this type violation has been minimized by the staff additions at Oyster Creek and the headquarters office. This will provide more individual considerations of the reportability of Station maintenance work items. In addition, the expansion of the JCP&L Quality Assurance organization will provide independent consideration of the significance of Station maintenance activities.

The augmented staffing which has taken place since this summer in these several areas will surely improve the effectiveness of management control and prevent this type of discrepancy from recurring.

Very truly yours,



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