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Directorate of Regulatory Operations

RO INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-219/73-07
JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
OYSTER CREEK

The subject inspection had been scheduled for April 19-20, 1973 to follow up on corrective actions that the licensee had defined in their response to the violations and safety items identified during the inspection of February 13-16, 1973. On April 17, RO:I received a report from C. Amato, New Jersey DEP, about alleged overexposures at Oyster Creek. The allegations were reported to Amato, by telephone, by an unidentified caller. Amato was told that an inspection was scheduled and that this would be included. As a result of this information the inspection was advanced by one day and commenced on April 18.

Findings during the inspection failed to confirm that overexposures had occurred during the current outage as alleged. It was noted; however, that high airborne concentrations had been experienced during reactor head removal. A review of the licensee's evaluations indicated that individuals involved had not been exposed in excess of 40 MPC hours. The individuals involved, among others, received whole body counts as a followup. Results were not available at the conclusion of the inspection.

Relative to findings pertinent to correcting and resolving the previous violations and safety items, it was determined that the licensee was making progress. The specific violations had been corrected or corrective action initiated. None were noted to be recurring. With respect to management controls and upgrading of the radiation protection program, it was noted that the licensee was pursuing corrective actions. In the inspector's opinion, staffing and reorganization of this function is paramount to resolution of their problems.

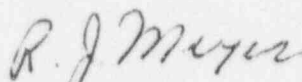
The station superintendent stated that they were giving priority attention to interviewing people for the new positions being established for conduct of the radiation protection program. Reportedly the top man, reporting directly to the station superintendent, will be a certified health physicist, with full responsibility. They are trying to fill this position first, so that he can have some choice in the selection of others. This sounds reasonable; however, I suggested that they move along on this because we would be watching this area for appropriate and timely action.

Other changes in management occurred the first of April. Joe Carroll, Operations Supervisor, replaced McCluskey as station Superintendent, and D. Reeves, Technical Engineer, was named Operations Supervisor. Maybe

some new blood at the top will be of some value. It is the inspector's opinion that reorganization alone will not resolve the management control problems. I have a distinct feeling that the rapport between management and the workers leaves a lot to be desired. Without the cooperation of those people, management is dead in the water. Carroll seems to be cognizant of this aspect.

In general, observations by the inspector showed that efforts were being directed to some of the immediate problems. Housekeeping was significantly improved, the radwaste building had been cleaned, and more importantly the solid waste inventory was getting good attention.

I would recommend a reinspection for followup purposes in three or four months. That inspection should include a more detailed look at the program. In the meantime the principal inspector should keep posted on the management control aspects. I think that a "management systems inspection" would be in order.



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