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Dr. Thomas E. Murley, Administrator
Region I
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
631 Park Avenue
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Dear Dr. Murley:

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
Docket No. 50-219
Fire Protection Special Report

Enclosed is Fire Protection Special Report No. 84-02 describing a loss of fire diesel pump redundancy. The report is required by Technical Specifications 6.9.3.d and 3.12.B.2. The thirty (30) day time limitation for submitting the enclosed report has been exceeded. A summary of events resulting in the late submittal of the report is as follows:

On July 10, 1984 a deviation report was initiated as a result of one of two fire diesel pumps being inoperable for seven (7) days. After review of the deviation report, an assignment was made to prepare the fire protection special report. During the preparation of the report, the assigned individual reviewed applicable logs and misinterpreted a log entry. This resulted in the belief that the subject fire diesel pump was not out of service for more than seven (7) consecutive days and did not constitute a reportable event. A subsequent review indicated this was not the case.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

cc: NRC Resident Inspector
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OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

Fire Protection Special Report No. 84-02

REPORT DATE:

October 11, 1984

OCCURRENCE DATE:

July 10, 1984

IDENTIFICATION OF OCCURRENCE:

A loss of redundancy occurred in the Fire Suppression Water System when 1-2 fire diesel pump was inoperable for eleven (11) days. This resulted in exceeding the seven (7) day out of service period specified in Technical Specifications, paragraph 3.12.B.2.

This event is considered to be reportable under the provisions of Technical Specifications, paragraphs 6.9.3.d and 3.12.B.2.

CONDITIONS PRIOR TO OCCURRENCE:

Plant was in an outage condition with refueling in progress.

DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE:

On July 3, 1984, fire diesel 1-2 was removed from service to determine the cause of heavy black exhaust smoke. The engine speed was adjusted in an attempt to correct the situation. The adjustment did not result in any significant change to the exhaust problem. The diesel engine manufacturer was contacted to provide a representative to determine the cause of the incident.

APPARENT CAUSE OF OCCURRENCE:

The blower coupling failed as a result of end of life normal wear.

ANALYSIS OF OCCURRENCE:

Redundant fire diesel pump 1-1 was operable during the period fire diesel 1-2 was out of service. In addition, the Redundant Fire Protection Water System was available, if needed. The safety significance is considered minimal.

CORRECTIVE ACTION:

The blower coupling was replaced and the engine speed was reset to normal. The pump was returned to service on July 14, 1984.