

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250

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Mr. Daniel R. Muller Assistant Director for Environmental Projects Directorate of Licensing Atomic Energy Commission Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Mr. Muller:

We have had the draft environmental statement for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1, of the Jersey Central Power and Light Company, reviewed in the relevant agencies of the Department of Agriculture, and comments from Forest Service, an agency of the Department, are enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Acting Coordinator Environmental Quality Activities

Enclosure

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RE: OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT CC.

## FOREST SERVICE COMMENTS

We have no information to indicate that the continued operation of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station will have any further adverse effect on forest land beyond that which has already occurred as a result of transmission line construction.

We do not understand, or do not agree with the reasoning behind the last sentence of Section 4.1: "The impacts of construction on the land were not serious, the land having been committed beforehand to station use."

Some editing is needed, as in the last sentence of Section 4.3.1 and in the last ten lines of the first paragraph of Section 5.4.2.