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JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY - OYSTER CREEK, CO REPORT NO. 219/71-1

The enclosed report of inspections of the subject facility on April -8, and 12-13, 1971, is forwarded for information.

Several deficiencies involving noncompliance or safety considerations were identified during these inspections. The most significant of these are as follows:

- a. A nonconservative error of a factor of approximately 2.5 was found in the calibration of the laboratory gross beta analyzer used in determining radioactivity in liquid effluents. This error is caused by the failure to apply the proper geometric correction factor to the calibration calculations.
- b. An additional nonconservative error of a factor of approximately three (3) was identified in comparing the total activity as determined by isotopic analyses (beta + gamma) of liquid waste samples with the total activity determined by gross beta analysis after applying an appropriate correction factor for gross beta counter geometry (see a. above).
- c. Applying the correction factors discussed above to the 1970 liquid effluents indicates that the annual average concentration of unidentified radionuclides was in excess of 1 x 10<sup>-7</sup> uCi/ml. The licensee is currently reviewing 1970 liquid effluents to develop an appropriate correction factor.
- d. A review of the operation of the in-line liquid waste monitor indicates that it does not perform its intended function and has not been capable of detecting the errors in the laboratory analyses.
- e. The performance of the liquid waste system is not meeting design objectives to limit radioactive effluents from the plant. System design objectives specified that waste collection drains are "essentially always reused as condensate"; however, more than 90% of this water was released to the circulating water system during 1970. Furthermore, the system evaporator has not been utilized to the extent practicable.

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We are currently reviewing our findings and expect to issue an enforcement letter to the licensee in the near future.

Although the deficiencies identified during the inspection reflect adversely on the procedures for handling and processing radioactive liquid wastes, we do not consider that this reflects a general breakdown in management controls or a change in the positive attributes manifested by company management during our October 1970 inspection of management controls (CO Report No. 219/70-8). The deficiencies which were observed are typical of those which we are finding at a number of other facilities during our current in-depth review of effluent monitoring and effluent control procedures at operating power reactors. With regard to the specific deficiencies detected, we have confirmed that appropriate corrective measures have been or are being implemented.

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