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Docket No. 50-244

Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation
ATTN: Mr. Roger W. Kober
Vice President
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 50-244/84-23

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Mr. W. A. Cook and Mr. W. J. Lazarus of this office on October 5, 1984 through October 19, 1984 at the R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power plant of activities authorized by NRC license No. DPR-18 and to the discussions of our findings by Mr. Cook and Mr. Lazarus with yourself, Mr. Snow and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures, and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that some of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC and Ginna Station requirements. These activities include apparent violations of Technical Specification limiting conditions concerning fuel handling in the auxiliary building with the required ventilation flow path and the spent fuel pit charcoal adsorber system inoperable. We are further concerned that symptoms of the ventilation system malfunction were identified by you, but were not aggressively pursued nor resolved prior to commencement of fuel handling operations. The need to be more aggressive in your resolution of malfunctions and deficiencies has been a previous concern, as brought to your attention in inspection reports 83-22 and 83-19. Enforcement action concerning these apparent violations is pending further review, and will be addressed separately, following our meeting to discuss these issues. This letter confirms that the meeting discussed with you on October 12, 1984, will be held in our Region I Office at 1:00 p.m. on November 5, 1984.

The responses directed by this letter are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, P. 96-511.

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No reply to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

original signed by:

Richard W. Starostecki, Director
Division of Project and Resident
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Enclosure: NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-244/84-23

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