

CONCERNED EMPLOYEE
OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR
GENERATING STATION
FORKED RIVER, N.J.
6 FEB 1973

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
COMPLIANCE BOARD
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

DEAR SIR:

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO
INFORM YOU OF THE MANY ADVERSE CON-
DITIONS AT THIS GENERATING STATION. IT
IS MY HOPE AND THE HOPE OF MANY OF
MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES THAT YOU WILL LOOK
INTO AND CORRECT MANY OF THESE CONDITIONS.

DUE TO POSSIBLE DISCIPLINARY ACTION,
I MUST WITHHOLD MY NAME AND ADDRESS. I
HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE SOME WAY THAT
THE EMPLOYEES OF THE SITE AND MYSELF
CAN BE INFORMED OF ANY ACTION YOU MAY
TAKE.

OUR PLEAS TO SUPERVISION HAVE
GONE UNHEARD TOO LONG. PERSONAL EXPOSURES
TO RADIATION ARE CONSTANTLY INCREASING
AND NOTHING IS BEING DONE TO REDUCE THEM.
DRUMS AND TANKS ARE SPRING UP WHEREVER
THEY CAN BE PLACED ON THE SITE. THE

CLEANLINESS OF THE RAD WASTE FACILITY AND REACTOR BUILDING ARE DISGUSTING. ALL OF THESE THINGS ADDING TO THE EXPOSURES AND CONTAMINATION THROUGHOUT THE SITE

I DO NOT HAVE THE TIME OR THE ROOM TO SITE ALL OF THE VIOLATIONS CURRENTLY AT THE FACILITY. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT SOME OF THE VERY SIGNIFICANT ONES

PROBABLY THE MOST ADVERSC ARE THE DRUM STORAGE AREAS FOR THE SO CALLED "SOLID WASTE". THE AREAS INSIDE THE RAD WASTE FACILITY ARE FULL. CONSEQUENTLY DRUMS ARE BEING STORED OUTSIDE. THE DRUMS HAVE EXTREMELY HIGH RADIATION LEVELS. ONE RECENTLY READ "28 R/HR." ON CONTACT. MANY OF THESE DRUMS HAVE BEEN SITTING OUTSIDE IN EXCESS OF ONE YEAR AND ARE RUSTING OUT ON THE BOTTOM, AND LEAKING OUT THE SO CALLED "SOLID WASTE". I RECENTLY HAD TO EMPTY SEVERAL OF THESE DRUMS INTO NEW ONES

ANOTHER BAD CONDITION IS THE STORAGE OF RADIOACTIVE CHROMATED

WATER. THERE ARE NOW FIVE (5) TANK TRUCKS, (3) FIBER GLASS TANKS AND (2) PORTABLE STEEL TANKS ON THE SITE FULL OF THE CHROMATED WATER, SOME OF WHICH ARE LEAKING THE WATER ONTO THE GROUND. THE WORST OFFENDERS ARE THE "OLD" TANK TRUCKS. THE CHROMATES SEEM TO DESTROY THE PACKING IN THE DRAIN VALVES AND CAUSE THEM TO LEAK. THERE IS ALSO THE HUGE RUBBER TANK IN THE BASEMENT OF THE REACTOR BUILDING

THE RADIOACTIVE WASTE FACILITY IS PROBABLY THE MOST DANGEROUS BUILDING ON THE SITE. THE CONDITION OF THE BUILDING IS DISGUSTING. CONSTANT COMPLAINTS TO THE COMPANY SAFETY DEPARTMENT HAVE GONE UNHEARD. PIPES ARE CONSTANTLY LEAKING AND SPRAYING WATER IN THE PUMP ROOMS. PLASTIC PIPES AND HOSES ARE RUNNING IN EVERY DIRECTION. FLOORS AND WALLS ARE COVERED WITH SOLID WASTE MATERIALS. NO EFFORT IS MADE AT ALL TO CLEAN THE FACILITY OR TO REDUCE THE EXPOSURE OF RADIATION TO THE OPERATORS.

MY NEXT TOPIC IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US HERE AT THE SITE. THIS TOPIC BEING OUR PERSONAL EXPOSURES TO RADIATION. EVERY QUARTER IT SEEMS MORE AND MORE PERSONNEL ARE RECEIVING THEIR "QUARTERLY DOSE." OUR COMPLAINTS GO UNHEARD BY SUPERVISION, WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LIMITING OUR EXPOSURE.

Nothing, I REPEAT NOTHING IS BEING DONE TO REDUCE THESE EXPOSURES. WE ARE CONSTANTLY BEING TOLD EVERYTHING IS BEING DONE, BUT SEE NOTHING HAPPENING, EXCEPT HIGHER QUARTERLY EXPOSURES.

THE ONLY THING THAT SEEMS TO HAPPEN IS THAT THE RADIATION LEVELS KEEP GOING UP AND THE CONTAMINATION CONTINUES TO SPREAD, DUE TO LEAKS OR EQUIPMENT FAILURE. THE COMPANY'S ATTITUDE IS TO KEEP THE PLANT RUNNING NO MATTER WHAT THE OUTCOME.

I HOPE I HAVEN'T WRITTEN THIS LETTER IN VAIN AND THAT AN IMMEDIATE "UNANNOUNCED" INSPECTION

will be made of the site and
steps will be taken to correct
the many violations in existence.
too many promises are made and
not enough action is being
taken.

Thank you very much for
your time and attention.
Please do something to correct
these conditions. We all have
great concern for our health and
well being. We will all be in
your debt.

Thank you
A concerned employee