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Dear Mr. Muller:

This is in response to your letter of November 29, 1972, asking that we contact your office regarding any problems we have on Amendment 2 to Applicant's Environmental Report, dated November 17, 1972, on Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1, Ocean City, New Jersey.

We are concerned for the canal banks instability which contribute to the sediment problems and also results in a rather unsightly condition. In bringing this to your attention at this time, we hope you will be able to reflect this situation in your draft environmental statement and possibly include license stipulations that would mitigate this undesirable condition.

Increased canal flow caused by the operation of the dilution water pumps further compounds a canal bank instability problem and sediment transport problem. The applicant recognizes that the condition of the canal banks may be unsightly. However, he plans to handle the canal sediment problem by continuously dredging the canal for the life of the plant.

This approach does not solve the variety of problems caused by the sediment. It is suggested that canal stabilization should be given top priority both for aesthetic purposes and to allow operation of the cooling water system as planned.

Sincerely yours,

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