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OYSTER CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

By memorandum from Eldon J. Brunner to H. P. Thornburg dated February 6, 1974, copy attached, Region I requested action to expedite either an interim or full term environmental technical specification and to establish a schedule to initiate a course of action designed to mitigate and correct the ecological consequences of fish mortalities and erosion of canal banks and the resulting silting problems. On March 19, 1974, Mr. Thornburg forwarded a memorandum to him from Leo Higginbotham replying to our action request. A copy of this memorandum is attached. Basically Mr. Higginbotham's memorandum stated that he had a telephone conversation with the DL Project Manager, and that the actions requested or recommended by the Regions would not be expedited by writing a memorandum to Licensing. Mr. Capton further discussed the issues with Mr. Higginbotham on May 9, 1974 in a meeting held at RO:I.

I asked Mr. Capton and Mr. Stohr to review the response we had to our action request. I would like to quote a few of the statements received from them. "I view the March 15, 1974 memo from Higginbotham as unacceptable. I sympathize with Licensing's difficult situation but for them to leave me the problem is intolerable. We have carried the problem too long, that's why we want a change in the schedule to get resolution to these matters. I certainly expect schedules will be changed if our headquarters pushes hard enough." "I view this as totally unacceptable; we had best be on the record." "It is realized that the final decision as to when these matters are scheduled and completed is up to DL. And maybe, just maybe, the present schedule, if adhered to will take care of our concerns. However, I can think of no reason why NO:HQ should feel reluctant to officially take the position with DL that these are serious items of concern and they should be corrected as soon as possible. I would think that for DL to make their above decisions they would be interested in input from RO. If the only action we are going to get in response to our memos is a phone call I think we are wasting our time writing them. We were trying to work within the system. We can certainly make our own phone calls."

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I think the quotes as shown above, which were from two Senior Inspectors and one Inspector indicate the total dissatisfaction with the response that we received on this particular request. The people in the field must face the existing problems and live with them. Although I realize it is very difficult for Licensing to reach the point of Environmental Technical Specifications and Full Term Licenses, it would appear that in cases where nagging problems exist for long periods of time expedited action should be requested by RO:HQ when requested by the Region. In this regard a proposed memorandum to HQ is attached, addressing this subject.

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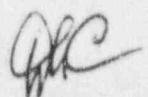
**B. H. Grier, Assistant Director  
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**JERSEY CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY (JC) OYSTER CREEK, LEAK IN  
BOTTOM VESSEL HEAD AT LUBRICANT PENETRATION**

Mr. Don Ross, of JC, has described the procedure to be used to repair the leaking penetration in the vessel's bottom head and we do not find the repair, rolling of the tube, to be in accord with Section I or Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.

If you have any questions please contact me.

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