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Directorate of Regulatory Operations, HQ

RO INSPECTION REPORT NO. 90-219/72-04
JEROME CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
OYSTON CREEK - NWR

The subject inspection report is forwarded for your action. With respect to the action request, Oyston Creek currently does not have a specific requirement in their Technical Specifications to test the relief valves in the liquid poison system. The licensee has agreed to establish and implement a schedule for testing of these valves. It is our recommendation that Licensing be requested to incorporate such testing requirements in the Technical Specifications for this and similar plants.

This inspection was extended to seven days to close out all of the back-logged inspection items, including those originating with action requests from Headquarters, inquiry reports, and unresolved items from previous inspections. The inspection plan started with some 50 of these items and was expanded to include additional items noted during the inspection. As a matter of interest, following is a breakdown of the inspection items, including time devoted to each category:

Category	No. of Items	Time (Man Days)
Headquarters Action Requests	13	1.5 days
Inquiry Reports	16	2.0 days
Previous Unresolved Items, Follow-up Items and Generic Inspection Items under Region I Fundamentals	15	1.5 days
Routine	10	1.5 days
Special Project	1	.5 days
Totals	55	7.0 days

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What is significant with respect to the above data is the small percentage of the total time available that was spent on completion of the routine RO inspection program, i.e., that outlined in RO Manual Chapter 1800. An additional observation - the total number of items listed on the plan for this inspection and the number of inquiry reports for this facility during this calendar year to date (31) in our judgment represents a pretty good indicator of the activity associated with NREs.

Another indication of the activity associated with operating power reactors in general is the number of different groups that were active at this facility during this inspection. A group from Region I met with HAEI, Headquarters and JCP&L one day. There was a group from Oak Ridge reviewing the proposed environmental report for two days. EPA and representatives from the State of New Jersey were taking samples in the discharge canal and in the bay on another day. The licensee has since created a position of Assistant Superintendent, one reason being that the time necessary to properly follow the operation of the facility and also to be able to meet other demands on plant supervision is in excess of that available by the plant superintendent alone. We concur in this latest organizational change.

With reference to the matter of gagging the safety valves for hydro testing, an issue treated in the report as a safety item, after further evaluation, this issue was treated in the letter to the licensee as a matter of bad practice. The basis for this was that Jersey Central made a specific commitment to revise their leak test procedure to require the installation of an alternate safety valve that meets all code requirements when the reactor safety valves are gagged. We are aware of at least one other plant (Nine Mile Point 1) that has been gagging their safety valves during their leak tests. We intend to pursue this matter at all other operating facilities in Region I.

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