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Radiological and Environmental
Protection Branch, RO:I

OYSTER CREEK CHROMATE STORAGE PROBLEM

This is in reply to your February 19, 1974 memo to me on this subject.

Regulatory Operations considers this a closed issue. In our view it's a State matter and was resolved by the enclosed letter, dated January 22, 1974, to Jersey Central Power and Light Company from New Jersey's Bureau of Water Pollution Control.

The enclosure was obtained as a result of discussion between L. Higginbotham and Licensing's Environmental Projects.

H. D. Thornburg
H. D. Thornburg, Chief
Field Support and
Enforcement Branch

Enclosure:
As stated

cc: J. P. O'Reilly, w/encl.
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January 22, 1974

Mr. Donald A. Ross, Manager
Nuclear Generating Stations
Jersey Central Power and Light Company
Madison Avenue at Punch Bowl Road
Morristown, New Jersey

Re: Disposal of Chromated Wastewaters
Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
Lacey Township, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Ross:

On September 11, 1973 this office issued a letter, conceptionally approving a preliminary engineering report for the construction of wastewater treatment facilities to treat chromated wastewaters currently being stored by the Jersey Central Power and Light Company at the Nuclear Generating Station at Oyster Creek.

Some time in early November 1973, Mr. Harding, Supervisor of the Industrial Control Unit, discussed the status of final engineering plans and specifications for this treatment facility with you by telephone, and you indicated at that time that final plans and specifications would be submitted to this office within a short period of time. This office has not received any plans or specifications for the subject waste treatment facilities as of the date of this letter.

The recent spill of the untreated chromated waste on December 20, 1973 only magnifies the necessity of installation of the proposed treatment facilities at the earliest possible time. Therefore, you are hereby directed to submit final engineering plans and specifications for the proposed treatment facility to this office on or before February 15, 1974. The failure of this office to receive said final engineering plans and specifications as of the fifteenth of February 1974 will leave this office no recourse but to refer this matter to our Enforcement Unit for appropriate legal action.

Submission of plans and specifications will in no way exempt nor should be construed to exempt this office from taking any legal action which would result from past spillages of this material.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Vincent, Chief
Bureau of Water Pollution Control

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