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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director
Directorate of Regulatory Operations, Region I
United States Atomic Energy Commission
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

This letter is a supplement to my letter of November 20, 1973 and it responds specifically to the safety items described in Enclosure No. 2 of your letter of October 30, 1973 regarding the inspection conducted by Messrs. Mann and Meyer on September 5-7, 1973 at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. A brief identifying statement for each safety item noted in your enclosure and our comments concerning it are given below:

Item 1.a - Radiation protection staff is not sufficient.

Response - A continuing effort is made to maintain a full radiation protection staff. At the present time, the staff consists of the following:

Supervisor (1)
Foreman (3)
Technician (3)
Assistant Technician (4)

A thorough evaluation of the program is being conducted. After complete evaluation, the staff will be adjusted accordingly.

Item 1.b - Administrative controls have not been effective in preventing recurrences of problems and violations.

Response - Responses are now made by the Radiation Protection Supervisor to violations and/or deficiencies found by internal audits. These are sent to the plant supervisors who conduct the audits to inform them of the corrective actions taken. If subsequent audits indicate recurrence of the same problem areas, more attention will be given to them by the Radiation Protection Supervisor.

Item 1.c - Station radiation protection program does not provide plant management with assurance that employees are following radiation safety rules and practices.

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Response - All radiation protection personnel have been instructed to follow through with the enforcement of radiation safety rules by informing their foreman of any infractions. The foremen, in turn, will bring it to the attention of the Radiation Protection Supervisor. Appropriate management personnel will then be notified for their action.

Item 1.d - Management controls relative to the disciplinary action against employees observed violating plant procedures are minimal.

Response - It is anticipated that by increasing the employees awareness of radiological procedures and radiation safety and by stressing the importance of good work habits and housekeeping, violations of radiation safety regulations will be kept to a minimum. In the event that these efforts do not achieve the desired results, a program of disciplinary action will be instituted. The disciplinary action will be in proportion to the nature of the violation. Verbal reprimands have already been given and notation made in the personnel files of the individuals concerned.

Item 1.e - Radiation protection problem areas, exposure control and housekeeping activities are not reviewed at PORC meetings.

Response - The Radiation Protection Supervisor will request that items of radiation protection importance be placed on the PORC agenda.

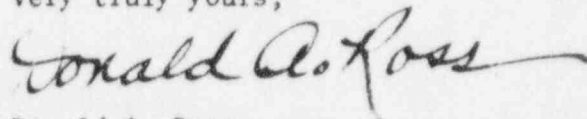
Item 1.f - A procedure was not provided for the removal and disposal of contaminated filter elements from the radwaste system.

Response - A procedure has been written for the removal and disposal of contaminated filter elements from the radwaste system.

Item 1.g - Personnel working in the control room portion of the radwaste facility had not received proper instructions in radiation levels inherent in their work areas.

Response - Personnel are now being instructed more thoroughly in the extent of the radiation levels in their work areas. "Spot training" is given and surveys are posted.

Very truly yours,



Donald A. Ross
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