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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director  
Office of Inspection and Enforcement, Region I  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
631 Park Avenue  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Subject: Oyster Creek Station  
Docket No. 50-219  
I&E Inspection Report No. 50-219/75/10

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

This letter is in reply to your letter of April 15, 1975 to Mr. Ivan R. Finfrock regarding the inspection conducted by Mr. Johnson on March 25 to March 28, 1975.

In response to the item of non-compliance listed in Enclosure 1 involving the failure to review and approve temporary changes to eight (8) operating procedures, we wish to advise you of the following:

All station procedures were recently reviewed in an effort to identify unreviewed and unapproved temporary procedure changes. It is anticipated that the temporary procedure changes identified in this review will be reviewed by the Plant Operations Review Committee (PORC) and approved/disapproved by the Station Superintendent by June 20, 1975. In addition, a formal schedule has recently been established for those items (including outstanding temporary procedure changes) requiring periodic review by the PORC. The completion of these reviews will be signed off by the PORC Secretary on a special review record sheet. Adherence to this periodic review schedule will preclude future instances of temporary procedure changes being unreviewed and unapproved for excessively long periods of time.

Very truly yours,

Donald A. Ross, Manager  
Generating Stations - Nuclear

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Memo to File

Thru: D. L. Capton, Senior Reactor Inspector  
IE:I, Reactor Operations Branch

OYSTER CREEK SHUTDOWN MARGIN TESTING FOLLOWING REFUELING

I called Walt Paulson, the Oyster Creek RL Project Manager, on Tuesday, April 13, 1975 as a followup to conversations with OIE:HQ (Dreher) and RL on May 9, and with respect to RL issuance of a memorandum concerning the conduct of Shutdown Margin Testing. Walt informed me that he would prepare the referenced memorandum and forward it to OIE:HQ. Walt read his proposed memorandum and we discussed the content. I recontacted Paulson at 4:15 p.m. and he stated that his management had concurred in the memorandum and that it would be forwarded to OIE:HQ this date.

OIE:HQ had been apprised of the Oyster Creek status and the contents of the RL Memorandum to File were related to Mr. Capton and myself via conference call with Dreher. The memo indicated that OELD does not consider Rod Shutdown Margin Tests to be restricted by the order of December 27, 1974 and that ECCS is not applicable to these tests conducted at effectively zero power. OELD concludes that the December 27, 1974 order would not prohibit such tests in this case. The memo further stated that no other Technical Specification limit is effected by such tests and they can be conducted safely under the present license. HQ was informed that we planned to contact the licensee in this regard, and that contingent upon a satisfactory telephone review of GORB and PORC minutes to assure safety aspects of the Cycle Five Core had been included and a review of the Shutdown Margin Test procedure, that we no longer considered this test to be an issue. The licensee was also to be informed that other testing and operation was not permitted without specific RL authorization.

I called the site (J. T. Carroll, Station Superintendent) on May 13, 1975 and discussed the above. Additional topics discussed included plant status, the Vermont Yankee Criticality Bulletin and Local Criticality. Carroll informed me that the Hydro-Test is now scheduled for May 14 and that Containment Spray Heat Exchanger repairs

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are complete. The licensee continues to project startup for May 19, 1975. Carroll stated that he would recontact me with respect to GO&B and PORC reviews and the Shutdown Margin Test on May 14. The conversation was cordial, and in view of schedule slippage, I am of the view that there is no immediacy regarding Shutdown Margin Testing.

Edward G. Greenman  
Reactor Inspector

cc: J. P. O'Reilly  
E. J. Brunner  
D. L. Capton