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Oyster Creek QA Inspection 50-219/75-07 identified a substantive number C. QA noncompliances which appear to constitute a major breakdown in management control over QA. Review of the facility inspection record shows that this licensee has been stating, since at least November 1972, to both Region I and our headquarters, that he was going to establish and implement an operational QA program at Oyster Creek. Although these commitments did not meet IE criteria for enforcement action before FSAR Amendment 71, the documentation does show that statements by this licensee about his QA program implementation have not been reliable, and that management meetings have produced statements which have not been followed by effective action to implement a QA program.

It is my recommendation that this licensee be measured solaly by results schieved and not by his statements. It is my opinion that the situation documented by Report 50-219/75-07 indicates a real need for escalated enforcement action, and that there is no reason to believe another management meeting will correct the problem. It is also my opinion that Oyster Creek's inattention to development of sound procedural controls over safety-related activities, and to adherence to such controls as are provided, will, if not firmly dealt with, increase with time and produce a concurrent decrease in assurance of public health and safety.

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