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Gentlemen:

It is a continuing objective of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to provide complete, prompt reviews of all applications for construction permits, operating licenses and license amendments. The length of time necessary to act upon such applications is, to a large extent, a function of the completeness of the information supplied by the licensee in support of its application. Completeness is particularly important for proposed license amendments that relate to reactor refuelings since they often include a wide range of proposed technical specification changes that must be developed and approved before the facility can return to operation. The NRC has developed preliminary guidance (Enclosure 1) for use in preparing proposed license amendments that relate to refuelings that may help to assure that your submittals will include all required information.

Another related problem is that of lateness of licensee submittals which make it difficult and sometimes impossible for the staff to complete its review in time to accommodate scheduled dates for resumption of operation. This problem becomes particularly difficult for license amendments that relate to refuelings that involve an extensive number of technical specification changes. Moreover, the growing number of operating facilities requesting such license amendments is taxing the staff's ability to accommodate individual schedules, unless the requests are submitted with adequate time for review.

In order to improve the efficacy and scheduling of our reviews of proposed license amendments that relate to refuelings we have prepared a list of the information that we need to forecast the requirements for such reviews, (Refueling Information Request, Enclosure 2). Please submit this information for your Oyster Creek facility within 30 days of receipt of this letter and update this information annually thereafter, or more often if appropriate. We suggest that this information be made a regular part of your annual operating report.



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It is our hope that with this information we can assess your plans for refueling and schedule submittal dates which realistically reflect our review requirements and your need for timely licensing action.

This request for generic information was approved by GAO under a blanket clearance number B-180225 (ROO72); this clearance expires July 31, 1977.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

- 1. Guidance for Proposed License Amendments Relating to Refueling
- 2. Refueling Information Request
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