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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director
Directorate of Regulatory Operations, Region 1
United States Atomic Energy Commission
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Subject: Oyster Creek Station
Docket No. 50-219
Operational Quality Assurance Program

As Jersey Central Power & Light Company progresses through the development and implementation of the Operational Quality Assurance Program, its impact on the broad spectrum of the Generation Department operations is more fully appreciated. In this regard, JCP&L has accelerated its hiring program, has utilized contractors, has written many of the Operational Quality Assurance Plan implementing procedures, has taken temporary actions to commence the actual implementation of the Plan even before the final procedures are approved and issued, and is providing quality assurance support for the 1974 Spring Refueling Outage at Oyster Creek.

With respect to quality assurance personnel hiring, we have hired two Quality Assurance Engineers, the Oyster Creek Quality Assurance Supervisor, and three Quality Assurance Specialists all of whom report to the Manager-Operational Quality Assurance as depicted in the Operational Quality Assurance Plan. To provide additional quality assurance support for the 1974 Refueling Outage, GPUSC Quality Assurance has provided four people and JCP&L has provided for an additional nine people from contractors. To assist in the writing of required procedures which will implement the Operational Quality Assurance Plan, JCP&L has the full-time assistance of four contractor personnel and the part-time services of several others.

Within the restrictions of time and facility, JCP&L is implementing the Operational Quality Assurance Program while the implementing procedures are being prepared. This implementation includes some vendor evaluations, vendor surveillances, quality assurance reviews of specifications, quality assurance reviews of purchase requisitions, quality assurance participation in the 1974 Spring Refueling Outage at Oyster Creek, engineering design studies and reviews, etc.

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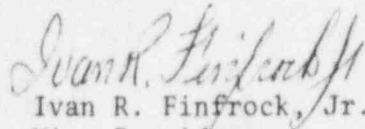
In order to ensure the high quality of the JCP&L procedures, a detailed analysis of 10CFR50 Appendix B, as related to the implementing procedures, has been made and a detailed matrix has been drafted to audit the procedures against 10CFR50 Appendix B. To facilitate your review, it is intended to make this matrix available with the procedures. In addition, the AEC comments on Metropolitan Edison Company's procedures have been studied in detail and JCP&L intends to incorporate changes in its procedures to resolve the comments.

At this time, the implementing procedures are in draft form, but for several reasons the procedures are not all in their final state. Some of the major reasons are:

1. The depth and breadth of these procedures are more fully understood now.
2. The results of the AEC's review of Metropolitan Edison Company's procedures made JCP&L aware of some shortcomings in its procedures.
3. The detailed audit of JCP&L procedures against the 10CFR50 Appendix B matrix takes time.
4. The effort to employ aspects of the Operational Quality Assurance Plan during the Oyster Creek shutdown has diluted the manpower available for the actual procedure writing effort.

In an effort to write sound procedures and have them in time for review prior to the issuance of a full term operating license, JCP&L intends to continue in its present manner and to have the procedures complete by July 15, 1974. JCP&L understands that this date is consistent with the schedule for completing outstanding items related to the Oyster Creek Full Term Operating License.

Very truly yours,


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Vice President

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