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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 in reply to your letter of April 2, 1974 to Mr. Ivan R. Finfrock regarding the inspection conducted by Mr. Greenman on January 21-25, 1974 at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. As per your instructions, this response addresses only Items 7 and 9 of the enclosure to your letter.

Item 7: Frequency of Testing the Diesel Generators' Starting Batteries

Several actions have been taken to preclude the recurrence of this type of violation. On January 29, 1974, new controls were established for the review and disposition of completed surveillance test records. More specifically, these new controls more clearly delineated responsibilities for the routing of completed test records and reduced the number of individuals involved in the data review without compromising review quality. These surveillance program improvements have reduced the time interval between surveillance test performance and the completion of test data review to one or two days. This time period rarely exceeds three days.

Additional corrective action involved the development of a new surveillance test data sheet for exclusive use in the weekly testing of the station and diesel generator batteries. Test data from this weekly testing had previously been recorded on data sheets which were used to satisfy several different surveillance requirements. The elimination of the confusion associated with the use of the "multi-purpose" data sheets should further contribute to the timely performance of the weekly station and diesel generator battery surveillance testing. Full compliance has been achieved.

Item 9: Tardiness in Abnormal Occurrence Reporting

Abnormal Occurrence No. 73-23 dated September 25, 1973 was verbally reported by telephone on Monday, September 24, 1973 at 6:00 PM. The follow-up preliminary

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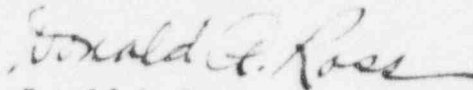
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written notification was sent by telecopier on Tuesday, September 25, 1973 at 3:00 PM. The station superintendent was advised of the abnormal occurrence on Monday and therefore provided the reports in the time frame required by the Technical Specifications.

The delay, if any, associated with this event, occurred between the occurrence (2:40 PM, September 22, 1973) and the time it was recognized as an abnormal occurrence and reported to the station superintendent on September 24, 1973. In an effort to minimize the possibility of this type delay in the future, a system was established whereby each surveillance test has attached a surveillance back sheet. This form requires, among other things, the signature of the shift foreman who will acknowledge if a possible abnormal occurrence is associated with surveillance test results and, if so, he notifies the operations supervisor immediately.

To ensure that ten-day reports are submitted in a timely manner, definitive time periods from the discovery of an abnormal occurrence to its final reporting have been reestablished by the manager of nuclear generating stations. In addition, should the manager be absent at a time when a report is due, it will in the future be submitted by an alternate. The alternates selected are the Oyster Creek Station Superintendent and the Oyster Creek Chief Engineer.

Very truly yours,



Donald A. Ross
Manager, Nuclear Generating Stations

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