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Gentlemen:

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (OCNGS)
Docket No. 50-219
Facility Operating License No. DPR-16
Oyster Creek - 14R Outage Core Spray Sparger Inspections

The Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station Technical Specifications, Appendix A, para. 6.9.3.e, and the Facility Operating License, para. 2.C.(5), require that a special report presenting the results of the inservice inspection of the core spray spargers during each refueling cycle be provided for review and that authorization be obtained from the Commission's staff before the plant is restarted from each refueling outage.

Topical Report No. TR-093, which is enclosed for your review, is the core spray sparger inspection report for the Cycle 14 refueling outage. It describes the nondestructive examinations that were performed on the core spray spargers and the associated in-vessel annulus piping. The sparger assemblies and in-vessel annulus piping were inspected utilizing a remote visual (camera) examination supplemented with an optional air test.

Initial visual examination revealed no new relevant indications. The air test found a leak in a fillet weld (L-3A) on the downcomer of the Core Spray System I annulus piping. Further visual inspection revealed two linear indications on the corresponding weld (U-3A) on the downcomer of the Core Spray System II annulus piping. No leakage was identified during the air test on Core Spray System II other than the known leakage at the repair clamp at the 208 degree azimuth.

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As required by license para. 2.C.(5), an evaluation of the safety significance of these new findings will be provided, as a separate submittal, to the Commission's staff for review. The linear indications on the Core Spray System II downcomer have been evaluated as not service related and the Core Spray System I fillet weld leak is believed to be a blow hole from original field fabrication.

If you have any questions or comments on this submittal, please contact Mr. Michael Laggart, Manager, Corporate Nuclear Licensing at (201) 316-7968.

Very truly yours,



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