ENCLOSURE 1

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

GPU Nuclear, Incorporated Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station

Docket Number 50-219 License Number DPR-16

During an NRC inspection conducted October 21, 1996, through December 1, 1996, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-160C, June 30, 1995, the violation is listed below:

Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 50.59, "Changes, Tests, and Experiments," (10 CFR 50.59), Section (a)(1) requires, in part, that licensees may make changes in procedures as described in the safety analysis report without prior NRC approval, unless the proposed change involves an unreviewed safety question. Section (b)(2) of 10 CFR 50.59 requires, in part, that licensee's records of changes in procedures must include a written safety evaluation which provides the bases for the determination that the change does not involve an unreviewed safety question.

Contrary to the above, a written safety evaluation was not performed to provide the bases for the determination that a change to station procedure 336.3, "Generator Hydrogen Gas System," did not involve an unreviewed safety question. Specifically, on February 23, 1994, procedure 336.3 was changed to add instruction to manually adjust cooling flow for the generator hydrogen coolers rather than using the automatic temperature control valve as described in the safety analysis report, however, a written safety evaluation was not completed.

This is a severity level IV violation (Supplement I)

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, GPU Nuclear Incorporated is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region I, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector within 30 days of the receipt date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order may be issued to show cause why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at: King of Prussia, Pa. this 2nd day of January, 1997