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Note to H. Smith

SUBJECT: OYSTER CREEK-1 Core Spray Sparger

Joe Scinto's JulyGnote to you indicated two problems with the proposed NSHC determination. You have addressed the first problem but have not provided the bases for finding that continued operation for another 18 months with a "patched-up" sparger system involves NSHC. You need to state explicitly why such operation will not result in a significant increase in the probability/ consequences of an accident previously evaluated, will not significantly reduce a safety margin and will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident.