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Note to: H. Smith  
SUBJECT: Oyster Creek  
Core Spray Sparger

In two previous notes to you on this package we indicated our view that some bases were required for finding that continued operation for another 18 months with a "patched up" sparger system involves NSHC. While words have been added, there still is no expressed bases for finding that such operation will not (1) significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, (2) create a new or different accident from any evaluated previously or (3) significantly decrease a safety margin. The current package says that, if it is shown that the problem is not as severe as previously indicated, there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be jeopardized by operation for another cycle. That is not the standard for finding NSHC. The three factors noted above constitute the standard and those factors (rather than the reasonable assurance standard) must be explicitly addressed.

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