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Docket No. 50-219

GPU Nuclear Corporation
ATTN: Mr. Eugene E. FitzPatrick
Vice President and Director
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P. O. Box 388
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 50-219/88-11

A routine safety inspection of your facility was conducted by Dr. S. Sherbini on April 11-15, 1988. The inspection was devoted mainly to checking the status of weaknesses identified during the Integrated Performance Assessment Team inspection (IPAT) conducted at Oyster Creek in 1987 (Inspection Report 50-219/87-24). Also reviewed during this inspection were the corrective actions connected with a recently issued Licensee Event Report and the status of measures taken to control drywell occupancy during fuel movements.

The findings of this inspection are detailed in the attached report. Most of the weaknesses identified during IPAT were found to have been corrected. A few items remain uncorrected, but corrective action on these items was in progress. The issue of drywell occupancy during fuel movement remains unresolved because of the unavailability at the time of the inspection of certain information needed to resolve this matter.

A review of the radiation survey data connected with work in the torus room that was ongoing during this inspection showed that some of the surveys were done in a manner that failed to identify the field gradients in areas in which the workers were working. This is an apparent violation of 10 CFR 20.201 requirements. Although no exposures in excess of the regulatory limits occurred, the lack of proper radiological surveys created a potential for unmonitored exposures or exposures in excess of the regulatory limits. Details are provided in the enclosed Appendix A and inspection report. You are required to respond to the violation in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed Appendix A.

Although this survey problem was identified by the licensee, a citation could not be mitigated in accordance with 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, Section 5(G) because the problem of inadequate surveys at Oyster Creek is a recurring problem that was the subject of several NRC citations in the recent past.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By:
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report No. 50-219/88-11

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