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GPU Nuclear Corporation
ATTN: Mr. Eugene E. Fitzpatrick
Vice President and Director
Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
P.O. Box 388
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection Report No. 50-219/88-09

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. J. Wechselberger, E. Collins, M. Markley and Ms. M. Banerjee March 20 - April 23, 1988 at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. The inspections consisted of document reviews, interviews and observations of activities as documented in the enclosed inspection report. The findings were discussed with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were identified.

The current sustained plant operation is recognized as a reflection of the effort expended in improving the plant and its equipment.

The report details two events in which maintenance activities were not properly evaluated prior to implementation. The first concerns the stack gas radiation monitor and an associated low flow annunciator which were both rendered inoperable by two separate tagouts. The second involves maintenance conducted in the augmented offgas building. In this case, improper assessment of overlapping maintenance activities resulted in the escape of radioactive gases in the offgas building. These activities raise concern regarding the proper planning and controlling of maintenance activities at your site, and should be considered for increased management attention.

Your cooperation with us in these matters is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
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