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Docket No. 50-219

GPU Nuclear Corporation
ATTN: Mr. P. R. Clark
President
1 Upper Pond Road
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

Gentlemen:

Subject: Augmented Inspection Team Report No. 50-219/88-80

This refers to the Augmented Inspection Team (AIT) special review conducted by this office on October 5-13, 1988, at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, Forked River, New Jersey. This inspection was conducted by a team led by Mr. Curtis J. Cowgill and included representatives from Region I and the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. The team performed a technical analysis of the circumstances surrounding events reported by Oyster Creek in which your staff shut down the reactor due to concerns with the plant's isolation condensers on September 29, 1988, and a fault on an electrical bus on October 2, 1988, as directed by the AIT Charter (Attachment A). The preliminary findings of this inspection were discussed with Mr. Eugene Fitzpatrick and other members of your staff by Mr. Cowgill at the conclusion of the inspection.

The areas examined during this special inspection are discussed in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed. The areas examined were prescribed by the AIT Charter and were selected to provide NRC management with a comprehensive analysis of the events.

In a letter to the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation dated October 10, 1988, Mr. Fitzpatrick committed to providing reports to the NRC and resolving outstanding issues prior to restart of the plant from the current refueling outage. We acknowledge that commitment and will provide prompt review of your reports and resolution of issues as they are identified along with appropriate corrective action plans.

We appreciate your cooperation in this effort, especially in light of the fact that our activities were conducted concurrent with yours and the high level of activity at the site due to entering a major refueling outage.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

William F. Kane, Director
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Enclosure: Augmented Inspection Team Report 50-219/88-80 w/Appendices

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