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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Sir:

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
Docket No. 50-219
Response to NRC Generic Letter 89-08
"Erosion/Corrosion-Induced Pipe Wall Thinning"

GPUN has implemented an erosion/corrosion monitoring program at Oyster Creek which meets the intent of the NUMARC program (Attachment A to NUREG-1344). This program will serve in the interim and will subsequently be modified to provide a long term corporate level approach.

The utility industry is still evaluating the erosion/corrosion issue. Ongoing EPRI sponsored activities are being evaluated by our corporate engineering staff for incorporation into our program. For example, we are currently comparing the EPRI CHEC and CHECMATE programs with our in-house generated computer program to determine which will best serve to identify a component's susceptibility to erosion/corrosion and thereby identify additional components for inspection. EPRI's acceptance criteria for structural evaluation of thinned piping is also under evaluation.

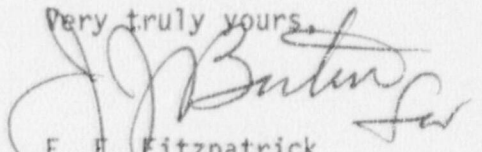
We consider completion of the EPRI sponsored activities and our evaluation of them to be prerequisites to establishing our formal long term program. Our current erosion/corrosion monitoring program will be used until our long term

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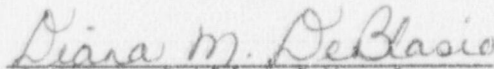
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program is implemented. We expect to implement our long term program consisting of formalized implementing procedures or administrative controls in time to support the inspections scheduled for the 14R outage at Oyster Creek.

Very truly yours,


E. E. Fitzpatrick
Vice President and Director
Oyster Creek

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 19th day of July 1989.


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