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REGION I
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RI-98-A-0168

Mr. Michael B. Roche
Vice President and Director
GPU Nuclear, Inc.
Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
P.O. Box 388
Forked River, New Jersey 08731

Dear Mr. Roche:

On September 23, 1998, the Region I Field Office of the NRC's Office of Investigations (OI) initiated an investigation to determine whether crane operator qualification/training records had been falsified at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. Specifically, a certification check off sheet for a Level 2 Station Services Helper indicated that the helper had successfully completed Reactor Building crane training during an April 2, 1998, training session, when the individual had not received training on the operation of this crane. Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, the NRC could not substantiate any willful falsification of the questioned crane operator qualification/training certifications. The OI investigation, documented in OI Report No. 1-98-039, was completed on July 1, 1999. A copy of the synopsis of the OI report is enclosed.

Please note that final NRC documents, including the final OI report, may be made available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) subject to redaction of information appropriate under FOIA. Requests under the FOIA should be made in accordance with 10 CFR 9.23, Requests for Records (copy enclosed).

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Mr. Peter Eselgroth, of my staff, at (610) 337-5234.

Sincerely,

A. Randolph Blough, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:
Synopsis of OI Report No. 1-98-039
10 CFR 9.23, Requests for Records

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

SYNOPSIS

On September 23, 1998, the Office of Investigations (OI), Region I, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, initiated this investigation to determine whether crane operator qualification/training records had been falsified at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (OC), GPU Nuclear (GPUN), Forked River, New Jersey. Specifically, a certification check off sheet for a Level 2 Station Services Helper (SSH) indicated that the helper had successfully completed Reactor Building (RB) crane training during an April 2, 1998, training session, when the individual had not received training on this crane.

Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, OI could not substantiate any willful falsification of the questioned crane operator qualification/training certifications.

ATTACHMENT B

NRC Daily Event Report, Event No. 35701, dated May 11, 1999

Power Reactor | Event Number: 35701

FACILITY: PRAIRIE ISLAND REGION: 3 | NOTIFICATION DATE: 05/11/1999
UNIT: [1] [] [] STATE: MN | NOTIFICATION TIME: 15:20 [EDT]
RXTYPE: [1] W-2-LP, [2] W-2-LP | EVENT DATE: 05/11/1999

NRC NOTIFIED BY: ANDERSON | EVENT TIME: 13:25 [CDT]
HQ OPS OFFICER: CHAUNCEY GOULD | LAST UPDATE DATE: 05/11/1999

EMERGENCY CLASS: N/A | PERSON ORGANIZATION
10 CFR SECTION: | ROGER LANKSBURY R3
AOUT 50.72 (b) (1) (ii) (B) OUTSIDE DESIGN BASIS

UNIT	SCRAM CODE	RX CRIT	INIT PWR	INIT RX MODE	CURR PWR	CURR RX MODE
1	N	N	0	Refueling	0	Refueling

EVENT TEXT

WHILE PERFORMING A HEAVY LOAD LIFT OVER AN OPEN FUELED REACTOR VESSEL, THE PLANT WENT OUTSIDE ITS DESIGN BASIS.

ON 05/12/99, THE LICENSEE DETERMINED THAT, DURING AN EVOLUTION ON 05/08/99, THE UPPER INTERNALS (A "HEAVY LOAD") WAS TRANSPORTED OVER THE OPEN UNIT 1 REACTOR, WHICH CONTAINED FUEL, WHILE THE CONTAINMENT IN-SERVICE PURGE WAS OPERATING. THE USAR STATES: "DURING HEAVY LOAD LIFTS OVER THE OPEN FUELED REACTOR VESSEL, AT LEAST ONE ISOLATION VALVE WILL BE CLOSED IN EACH LINE PENETRATING THE CONTAINMENT ATMOSPHERE TO THE OUTSIDE." THE UNIT WAS, THEREFORE, OUTSIDE THE DESIGN BASIS SINCE NO ISOLATION VALVES FOR THE IN-SERVICE PURGE PENETRATIONS WERE CLOSED DURING THIS EVOLUTION. THE HEAVY LOAD MOVEMENT WAS COMPLETED WITHOUT INCIDENT. NOTE THAT THE IN-SERVICE PURGE DISCHARGE IS FILTERED, AND THE AUTOMATIC ISOLATION OF THESE PENETRATIONS, UPON HIGH RADIATION, WAS OPERABLE.

THE RESIDENT INSPECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED.

ATTACHMENT C

NRC Weekly Information Report for October 15, 1999