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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Sir:

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
Docket No. 50-219
Control Rod Drive Surveillance

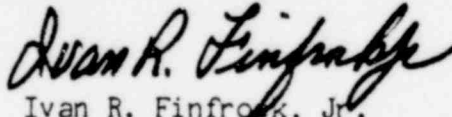
A letter dated May 20, 1970 from Peter A. Morris of the Atomic Energy Commission to Jersey Central Power & Light discussed control rod drive surveillance, and required special reports to the regional office of the results of certain surveillance tests if the results fell outside of specified bounds.

The letter from Dr. Morris expressed concern because of then perceived uncertainties associated with: "(1) reassembly and installation of the control rod drives, (2) operation at reduced accumulator pressure, (3) the installation of 10 mil inner filters, and (4) the new venting procedure." Because of these concerns, increased surveillance and reporting was required.

The Oyster Creek Station has since operated for over eight years without any incidents related to the concerns of that letter. That experience is adequate, we believe, to justify discontinuance of the surveillance and reports required by Dr. Morris' letter. We do, of course, plan to continue with the surveillance and reporting required by our existing Technical Specifications.

We therefore request your concurrence with our conclusion that the requirements of Dr. Morris' letter of May 20, 1970, should be discontinued.

Very truly yours,


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