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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
IE Bulletin No. 81-03,
Request for Additional Information

On May 29, 1981, GPU Nuclear Corporation submitted its response to IE Bulletin No. 81-03 Flow Blockage of Cooling Water to Safety Components by Corbicula sp. (Asiatic Clam) and Mytilus sp. (Mussel). Subsequently, on December 23, 1982, GPU Nuclear Corporation received your letter dated December 20, 1983, requesting additional information concerning the subject bulletin.

While GPUN has initiated appropriate action to respond to your request; because of the dedication of effort required to adequately and completely address these questions and the concurrent requirement of personnel devoted, prior to, and during the present refueling and maintenance outage, GPUN will submit its response by August 19, 1983.

This is based upon the following considerations: (1) it will be necessary to develop a program of inspection and a method to more effectively monitor the condition of the heat exchangers, and (2) develop and execute a program of study to evaluate alternative methods to control biofouling. This evaluation will be based upon the technical adequacy of each design and current environmental considerations, such as the recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ruling for chlorine minimization, to reduce the affect on the receiving waters.

In closing, it is our opinion that such an extention is not excessive, given the magnitude of the aforementioned undertaking.

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If you require additional information, or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Douglas Moore of our Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Department at (609) 971-4630.

Very truly yours,



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