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Dear Sir:

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
Docket No. 50-219
Ten Year Hydrostatic Test

By letter dated June 3, 1994, GPU Nuclear identified an error in Technical Specification Change Request (TSCR) NO. 75 which concerned the procedure used in conducting the Ten Year Hydrostatic Test required by ASME. Subsequent to this letter, by telecon, additional information concerning this testing was requested. The following provides the requested information.

Prior to pressurization, four of the five Electromatic Relief Valves (EMRV) are reset to a high pressure relief setpoint of 1230 psig. These four valves will open to provide overpressure relief should it become necessary. Normally, pressure relief is provided by operator action to secure the operating CRD pump; increase letdown to the main condenser through the cleanup system; or, if necessary, manually (control panel switch) open the fifth EMRV which has more than sufficient capacity to provide pressure relief.

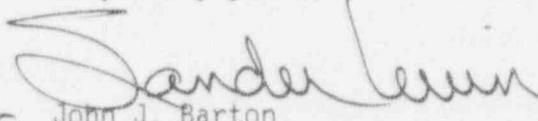
Pressurization is accomplished by starting a CRD pump discharging to the reactor vessel and establishing a letdown path through the cleanup system to the main condenser. Letdown is throttled to control pressurization. The test pressure is established using a specially installed pressure gauge on instrument rack RK02. An operator at this location in contact with the Control Room monitors pressure until the test pressure is established. At this time, the Control Room pressure indication is noted for monitoring purposes and pressure is maintained at this value.

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In conclusion, as discussed in the June 3, 1994 letter, the safety valves are gagged during the 10 year hydrostatic test. Should pressure rapidly increase, the CRD pump is secured and letdown is increased to relieve excess pressure. Additionally, an EMRV can be actuated manually from the control panel. These provisions provide more than adequate measures to provide protection for overpressurization events. However, should all means fail, four EMRV's are operable and will provide automatic pressure relief prior to exceeding the pressure safety limit.

If you should have any questions or require further information, please contact George Busch, Manager, Oyster Creek Licensing at (609) 971-4643.

Very truly yours,


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