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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attention: Document Control Desk  
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station  
Docket No. 57-219  
Technical Specification Change Request No. 198

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90, GPU Nuclear Corporation (GPUN), operator of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (OCNGS), Provisional Operating License No. DPR-16, requests a change to Appendix A of that license.

The attached Technical Specification Change Request proposes to change OCNGS Technical Specifications with regard to the design pressure for the drywell primary containment vessel. The current drywell design pressure is 62 psig. The calculated peak drywell pressure resulting from the design basis loss of coolant accident, as substantiated by recent analysis, is 38 psig. We have added a 15% allowance to arrive at a new design pressure of 44 psig.

This request is part of GPUN's comprehensive program to address the corrosion of the Oyster Creek drywell. We, therefore, request that a high priority be assigned to this request. This change request has been reviewed in accordance with Section 6.5 of the OCNGS Technical Specifications, and using the standards in 10 CFR 50.92 we have concluded that these proposed changes do not constitute a significant hazards consideration.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91 (b) (1), a copy of this change request has been sent to the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Very truly yours,

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