

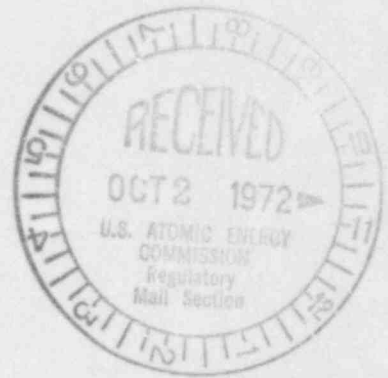
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September 28, 1972

Mr. A. Giambusso  
Deputy Director for Reactor Projects  
Directorate of Licensing  
United States Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20545



Dear Mr. Giambusso:

Subject: Oyster Creek Station  
Docket No. 50-219  
Outside Radwaste Tank Activity

The purpose of this letter is to report an incident that occurred at Oyster Creek during which the outside radwaste storage tank activity exceeded the limit of 10 curies as set forth in Technical Specification 3.6.C.

During a routine radwaste drumming operation on September 16, 1972, a drum of filter sludge fell from the drum transfer car as it was being released for storage. In falling, the drum struck and damaged the electrical bus work which supplies power to move the drums into the storage aisles. In order to reduce the radiation levels in the area to perform the necessary maintenance work on the transfer car and the electrical bus, the floor area required decontamination. The decontamination was accomplished by washing the transfer car floor area into the filter sludge tank. The waste from the decontamination operation was then processed through the centrifuge, and the separated water was further processed through the floor drain treatment system ultimately being stored in floor drain sample tank "B" for sampling prior to discharge.

A routine analysis of the radwaste outside tank activity was made on September 20, 1972, as required by Technical Specification paragraph 4.6.D, and it indicated a total content of 27.74 curies. Of this total activity, 25.1 curies was contained in floor drain sample tank "B". Water was recycled to tanks within the radwaste facility as space became available; and at 2250 on September 20, 1972, the activity in the outside tanks was less than 10 curies. Recycling was continued until the activity was reduced to less than 5 curies at 0245 on September 22, 1972.

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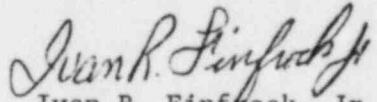
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As I reported in my letter to you dated August 28, 1972, a review committee has been established to compile a report summarizing the problems that have been encountered with radwaste operations. Also, the investigation of radwaste problems by an outside consultant is underway with the aim toward making prompt recommendations for immediate corrections to procedures and equipment to reduce the problems in the short-term and permanent modifications to eliminate the problems in the future.

Forty copies of this report are enclosed for your review.

Very truly yours,

  
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Vice President

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. J. P. O'Reilly, Director  
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