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Dear Sir:

Subject: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station  
Docket No. 50-219  
Licensee Event Report  
Reportable Occurrence No. 50-219/83-07/03L

This letter forwards three copies of a Licensee Event Report Update to report Reportable Occurrence No. 50-219/83-07/03L in compliance with paragraph 6.9.2.b.2 of the Technical Specifications.

Very truly yours,

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Licensee Event Report  
Reportable Occurrence No. 50-219/83-07/03L

Report Date

May 20, 1983

Occurrence Date

April 18, 1983

Identification of Occurrence

Operation in a degraded mode permitted by a limiting condition for operation as specified in the Technical Specifications, paragraph 3.5.B.3.b when Standby Gas Treatment System II was declared inoperable during surveillance testing.

This event is considered to be a reportable occurrence as defined in the Technical Specifications, paragraph 6.9.2.b.2.

Conditions Prior to Occurrence

The plant was in the refuel mode with the core completely off-loaded and all fuel stored in the Spent Fuel Pool.

Description of Occurrence

On Monday, April 18, 1983, during a 10 hour operability test of Standby Gas Treatment System (SGTS) II, a high differential pressure across both HEPA filters was observed.

Apparent Cause of Occurrence

The high differential pressure was caused by HEPA filter plugging.

In addition, a contributing cause was an error in the surveillance procedure. April 18, 1983, was the first date on which Revision 13 to Procedure 651.4.001 was used. Revision 13 was subsequently found to have an error in the flowmeter calibration curve. The error caused the system to fail the test and be declared inoperable when, in fact, the system actually met the Technical Specification operability requirements. The filters were found to have an accumulation of dirt and required replacement as preventive maintenance.

Analysis of Occurrence

The function of the SGTS is to filter and exhaust the reactor building atmosphere to the stack in the event of certain accident situations which could potentially release large quantities of radioactive material to either the secondary or primary containments. The SGTS consists of two separate filter trains, each capable of providing 100% treatment capacity, each initiating automatically during containment isolation.

SGTS I was tested immediately following the failure of SGTS II and was found to be fully capable of performing its intended function. Therefore, the safety significance of this event is considered minimal.

Corrective Action

The prefilter and both HEPA filters for SGTS II were replaced. The subsequent test on SGTS II verified acceptable flow and differential pressure across the HEPA filters.

SGTS II has been returned to an operable status after satisfactory completion of the required DOP test.

All Standby Gas Treatment System surveillance procedures will be reviewed to verify that the flow calibration curves are correct. In addition, the procedures will be revised to specify action levels for filter replacement prior to exceeding the Technical Specification differential pressure limit.