

September 4, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Commissioners

FROM: William J. Dircks
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: GENERAL PHYSICS CORPORATION INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE FOR
LICENSEES CONTAINING MATERIAL OBJECTIONABLE TO THE NRC

On August 22, 1984, NRC:HQ management learned of potentially objectionable material being taught by General Physics Corporation (GP), a contractor to General Public Utilities Corporation (GPU), in a containment leak rate course given in November 1983. A RIII inspector obtained the material from a co-worker who had attended the GP course when employed by GPU at their Oyster Creek facility.

NRC management reviewed the material and after discussions with OI and ELD contacted General Physics (Enclosure 1).

The objectionable portion of the material covered interactions with the NRC. The material appears to suggest or condone practices that could be misleading to the NRC program of inspection which relies to a large extent on licensee candor. As a result of Mr. Taylor's telephone conversations on August 23 and 24, 1985 with representatives of GP, the company responded with a letter dated August 26, 1985 (Enclosure 2) identifying 17 GPU/Oyster Creek full time participants in the offering at Oyster Creek and 8 participants from 4 utilities (names deleted by NRC) in a subsequent course held March 1 and 2, 1984. Some of the objectionable material was deleted from the subsequent course offering.

The NRC staff is continuing followup with GP regarding the extent of dissemination of this or similar materials. Also, the staff will followup with the identified utilities which had individuals taking these courses.

For information, GP conducts training, provides technical reference material and engineering services under contract to utilities. A listing of GP courses and workshops and reference material extracted from a GP newsletter (Enclosure 3) is provided for information. General Physics presently has 5 contracts with the NRC (Enclosure 4).

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Enclosures: As stated

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