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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Sir:

SUBJECT: Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station
Docket No. 50-219
Monthly Operating Report – March, 1998

Enclosed are two copies of the March, 1998 Monthly Operating Report for Oyster Creek Nuclear Station. The content and format of information submitted in this report is in accordance with the guidance provided by Generic Letter 97-02.

If you should have any questions, please contact Ms. Brenda DeMerchant, Oyster Creek Regulatory Affairs Engineer, at 609-971-4642.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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APPENDIX A
Operating Data Report

Docket No: 50-219
 Date: 04/02/98
 Completed By: David M. Egan
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REPORTING PERIOD: March 1998

		MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	CUMULATIVE
1.	DESIGN ELECTRICAL RATING (MWe NET). The nominal net electrical output of the unit specified by the utility and used for the purpose of plant design.	650	*	*
2.	MAXIMUM DEPENDABLE CAPACITY (MweNET). The gross electrical output as measured at the output terminals of the turbine generator during the most restrictive seasonal conditions minus the normal station service loads.	619	*	*
3.	NUMBER OF HOURS REACTOR WAS CRITICAL. The total number of hours during the gross hours of the reporting period that the reactor was critical.	459.2	1875.2	171,717.4
4.	HOURS GENERATOR ON LINE. (Service Hours) The total number of hours during the gross hours of the reporting period that the unit operated with the breakers closed to the station bus. The sum of the hours that the generator was on line plus the total outage hours in the reporting period.	459.2	1875.2	167,958.3
5.	UNIT RESERVE SHUTDOWN HOURS. The total number of hours during the gross hours of the reporting period that the unit was removed from service for economic or similar reasons but was available for operation.	0	0	0
6.	NET ELECTRICAL ENERGY (MWH). The gross electrical output of the unit measured at the output terminals of the turbine generator minus the normal station service loads during the gross hours of the reporting period, expressed in magawatt hours. Negative quantities should not be used.	284,493	1,180,615	94,462,464

* Design values have no "Year to Date" or "Cumulative" significance.

Appendix B

Unit Shutdowns

Docket No: 50-219
 Date: 04/02/98
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Reporting Period: March 1998

No.	Date	Type*	Duration (Hours)	Reason ¹	Method of Shutting Down Reactor ²	Cause & Corrective Action to Prevent Recurrence
2	03/18/98	S	0	B	1	Planned power reduction to perform B-condensate pump motor replacement.
3	03/20/98	F	284.8	A	2	Manual reactor scram in response to steam jet air-ejector system failure and subsequent condenser vacuum degradation.

* F Forced
 S Scheduled

¹ Reason:
 A-Equipment Failure (Explain)
 B-Maintenance or Test
 C-Refueling
 D-Regulatory Restriction
 E-Operator Training & Licensing Examination
 F-Administrative
 G-Operational Error (Explain)
 H-Other (Explain)

² Method:
 1-Manual
 2-Manual Scram
 3-Automatic Scram
 4-Other (Explain)

Summary: During March 1998, Oyster Creek generated 284,493 MWH net electric, which was 61.8% of its MDC rating.