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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant
10 CFR 50, Appendix R Exemption Request Withdrawal

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In response to NRC Violation 50-348, 364-97-10-08, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a revised exemption request (1-39) in a letter dated February 6, 1998. After review of the issues and in discussion with the NRC staff, SNC has concluded that revised exemption request 1-39 is no longer needed. The condition that initiated the need for the revision will be reviewed and addressed as part of the resolution for the overall Kaowool fire barrier issues at Farley Nuclear Plant. Therefore, SNC wishes to withdraw the revised exemption request 1-39. In addition, this letter revises our response to NRC Violation 50-348, 364-97-10-08. Our NOV response was provided in a letter dated November 5, 1997.

As discussed in SNC letter dated January 21, 2000, SNC will request a meeting with the NRC staff to be held around the spring 2000 timeframe to discuss resolution of the Kaowool issues.

This letter contains an NRC commitment to review and address the condition described by NRC violation 50-348, 364-97-10-08 as a part of the overall FNP Kaowool review. Should you have any questions, please advise.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "DM Morey".

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