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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-3415

July 14, 1998

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SUBJECT: ALLEGATION NO. RII-1998-A-0085

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This is in reference to our May 19, 1998, letter which indicated that we would initiate action to review your concerns related to the corrective actions associated with a Condition Report concerning a boron dilution event. The NRC has completed its follow up in response to the concern you brought to our attention on [REDACTED]. Based on the information provided, this allegation was not substantiated and there were no violations or deviations from regulatory requirements. The attachment to this letter describes your concern and describes how the NRC resolved the concern you raised.

I would like to refer you to my letter of June 4, 1998, which addressed the effectiveness of the corrective action program at the Harris Nuclear Plant. I feel that this letter adequately addressed your concerns associated with the overall effectiveness of the corrective action program.

Thank you for informing us of your concerns. We feel that our actions in this matter have been responsive to those concerns. We take our safety responsibilities to the public very seriously and will continue to do so within the bounds of our lawful authority. Unless the NRC receives additional information that suggests that our conclusions should be altered, we plan no further action on this matter. Should you have any additional questions, or if I can be of further assistance in this matter, you may contact me at 800-577-8510 or 404-562-4540 or by mail at P. O. Box 845, Atlanta, Georgia 30301.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Ernstes

Michael E. Ernstes, Acting Chief
Reactor Projects Branch 4
Division of Reactor Projects

- Enclosures: 1. Allegation Evaluation Report
2. NRC Inspection Report
50-400/98-03

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ALLEGATION EVALUATION REPORT

ALLEGATION RII-1998-A-0085

ALLEGED FAILURE TO ADEQUATELY ADDRESS A BORON DILUTION EVENT

HARRIS NUCLEAR PLANT

DOCKET NO. 50-400

CONCERN:

The allegor provided a copy of Condition Report [REDACTED] which stated was associated with a boron dilution event which occurred on May 17, 1997 at the Harris Nuclear Plant. [REDACTED] was concerned with how the CR had been resolved by the licensee. The allegor felt that the CR had not been given the correct amount of attention in light of other boron dilution events at the Harris Nuclear Plant. This CR was considered to be another example of the concerns expressed by the allegor in allegation RII-98-A-0011, relative to the ineffectiveness of the corrective action program at the Harris Nuclear Plant. 7C

DISCUSSION:

The inspector reviewed the event described in [REDACTED] and determined that the event was not an inadvertent dilution event. The event described in the CR concerned the failure to evaluate the potential for a non-uniform boron concentration, in accordance with PLP-629, "Reactivity Management Program," following a change in boron concentration. This event was not considered to be similar to the other dilution events experienced at the Harris Nuclear Plant. The inspector was able to verify that the licensee adequately addressed the issues associated with the failure to perform the boron concentration evaluation. 7C

Allegation RII-98-A-0011 addressed the overall effectiveness of the corrective action program at the Harris Nuclear Plant. Based on inspection of concerns expressed in this allegation, it was concluded that the corrective action program was not always effective in preventing recurrence of problems. As stated in the response to this allegation, this message was documented to the licensee in NRC inspection reports and the latest Harris Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance Report.

CONCLUSION:

Based on the information provided, this allegation was not substantiated and there were no violations or deviations from regulatory requirements. This additional example is consistent with the conclusions documented in my letter of June 4, 1998, which we noted that the corrective actions program was not always effective in preventing problems from recurrence. This allegation is considered closed.

Enclosure 1

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(Original signed by M. Ernstes)

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