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June 7, 2001

Mr. Ronald E. Widener, Director
Toombs County Emergency
Management Agency
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SUBJECT: NRC ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT OF HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT

Dear Mr. Widener:

The annual performance assessment of the Hatch Nuclear Plant has been completed in accordance with the NRC Reactor Oversight Process, using the most recent performance indicators and inspection findings from the last 12 months. The assessment reflects current licensee performance and is described in the enclosed Annual Assessment Letter sent to the Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., on May 31, 2001.

On June 27, 2001, members of my staff will meet with the management of the Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. to discuss the performance of Hatch. This meeting is scheduled to be conducted at 10:00 a.m., (EDST) at the Hatch Visitors Center Auditorium (Hatch Parkway North, U.S. Highway 1).

I would like to personally invite you to attend this Annual Assessment Meeting. Also in conjunction with this meeting, I would like to invite you to a separate meeting between you and other State and local government officials, and my staff. This meeting will be conducted at the same location shortly after the conclusion of the Annual Assessment Meeting. The purposes of this meeting are to meet the NRC inspectors at Hatch, and to ensure that you are aware of the NRC inspection and assessment process and the avenues that are available to bring concerns that you or your constituents have to the NRC. This meeting will also provide you the opportunity to inform us of any current personal or constituent concerns with Hatch. There is also another means for you to become familiar with the Reactor Oversight Process and the specific performance of Hatch. Through the NRC Web site, you can access the same information we use in our annual assessment of plant performance. This information may be accessed at *http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT*.

Your schedule permitting, my staff looks forward to meeting with you on June 27, 2001. In the interim, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or Stephen Cahill of my staff if we can be of further assistance to you. You can contact us at 1-800-577-8510, extension 24410 or 24520, respectively.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Luis A. Reyes
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: Annual Assessment Letter

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