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SUBJECT: NRC ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT OF FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT

Dear Mr. Whatley:

The annual performance assessment of the Farley 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 Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. on May 31, 2001.

On July 13, 2001, I, along with members of my staff, will meet with the management of the Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. to discuss the performance of Farley. This meeting is scheduled to be conducted at 9:30 a.m. (CDST) at the Farley Nuclear Plant Training Center Auditorium at 7388 N. State Hwy 95, Columbia, AL.

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 with my staff for you and other State and local government officials. This meeting will be conducted at the same location shortly after the conclusion of the Annual Assessment Meeting. The purposes of this separate meeting are to meet the NRC inspectors at Farley, 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 Farley. There is also another means for you to become familiar with the Reactor Oversight Process and the specific performance of Farley. 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 July 13, 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,

Luis A. Reyes
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: Annual Assessment Letter

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