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SUBJECT: FORT CALHOUN STATION, UNIT NO. 1 - TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
SUMMARY RE: RESPONSE TO BULLETIN 2001-01, "CIRCUMFERENTIAL
CRACKING OF REACTOR PRESSURE VESSEL HEAD PENETRATION
NOZZLES" (TAC NO. MB2631)

Dear Mr. Gambhir:

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In response to Bulletin 2001-01, you provided information by letter dated August 31, 2001 (ADAMS Accession No. ML012490421). Subsequently, a telephone conference was held on October 4, 2001, to discuss your response. In this telephone conference, you clarified that you intend to perform an effective visual examination of 100 percent of the VHP nozzles during an outage in 2002. You also stated that you would submit a letter to supplement your Bulletin response regarding the scope and schedule of this examination. This information is necessary for the NRC staff to complete its review of your Bulletin 2001-01 response.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this issue, please contact me via telephone at (301) 415-1445, or e-mail at abw@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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