October 18, 2001

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SUBJECT: JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT
NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-348/01-10 AND 50-364/01-10

Dear Mr. Morey:

On August 10, 2001, the NRC completed an inspection at your Farley Nuclear Plant. This inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to safety and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selected examination of procedures and representative records, observations of activities, and interviews with personnel. The enclosed inspection report presents the results of this inspection which were discussed on August 10, 2001, with Mr. Mike Stinson and other members of your staff.

Based on the results this inspection, the inspectors identified two findings of very low safety significance (Green) which were determined to be violations of NRC requirements. However, because of their very low safety significance and because you have entered them into your corrective action program, the NRC is treating these violations as Non-Cited Violations in accordance with Section VI.A.I of the NRC's Enforcement Policy. If you deny these Non-Cited Violations, you should provide a response with the basis of your denial, within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001; with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region II; Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant.

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Sincerely,

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Kenneth P. Barr, Chief
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REGION II

Docket Nos.:	50-348 and 50-364
License Nos.:	NPF-2 and NPF-8
Report No.:	50-348/01-10 and 50-364/01-10
Licensee:	Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (SNC)
Facility:	Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2
Location:	7388 N. State Highway 95 Columbia, AL 36319
Dates:	August 6 to August 10, 2001
Inspectors:	D. Holman, Physical Security Inspector (Lead) D. Thompson, Physical Security Inspector J. Wallo, Physical Security Inspector
Approved by:	Kenneth P. Barr, Chief Plant Support Branch Division of Reactor Safety

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

IR 05000348-01-10, IR 05000364-01-10, on 08/6/2001 - 08/10/2001, Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 & 2, Security Inspection Report.

This inspection report covers a 1-week period of inspection conducted by region based security inspectors. The inspectors identified two Green findings which were Non-Cited Violations. The significance of inspector findings is indicated by their color (Green, White, Yellow, or Red) using Inspection Manual Chapter 0609, Significance Determination Process.

Inspector Identified Findings

Cornerstone: Physical Protection

a. Green. A Non-Cited Violation (NCV) was identified when a security officer failed to properly search several individuals prior to allowing them unescorted access to the protected area (PA). Requirements violated were established in the Farley Physical Security Plan and implementing procedures.

   While the risk was low in this case, this issue was identified as more than a minor finding because granting site access to individuals who have not been properly searched can have a credible impact on safety. Additionally, the granting of access to improperly searched individuals can be viewed as a precursor to a significant event.

b. Green. An NCV was identified in that compensatory measures for suppressed tamper alarms associated with vital area doors, alarm panel doors and CCTV alarm panel doors were not implemented in accordance with the Farley Physical Security Plan.

   While the risk was low in this case, this issue was identified as more than a minor finding because inoperable intrusion detection system tamper alarms leave the affected system component susceptible to malevolent manipulation.