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Subject: VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION
DOCKET NO. 50/395
OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-12
SPECIAL REPORT 2001-02

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company is submitting this Special Report pursuant to the requirements of Technical Specifications 6.9.2 and Fire Protection Procedure (FPP)-025, Enclosure 6.6.

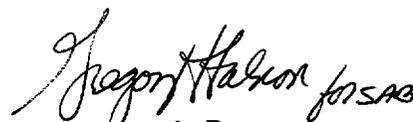
On October 23, 2001, during the routine performance of STP-728.035, "Penetration Access Area Auxiliary Building Fire Barrier Inspection," it was noted that the penetration seal in the seismic gap between the West Penetration and the Reactor Building was degraded in some areas due to natural shrinkage of the silicone material. An engineering walkdown identified sufficient degradation that the nature and extent of repair could not be completed within the seven-day limitation of FPP-025, Enclosure 6.6.

A roving fire watch was established for the area, which remained in affect until the inoperable seals were restored to operable status.

All repairs were completed, and the seismic gap seals declared operable on November 21, 2001.

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Very truly yours,


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