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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Errata to
Response to NRC Bulletin 2002-02, "Reactor Pressure Vessel Head and
Vessel Head Penetration Nozzle Inspection Programs," for
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2

By letter dated September 5, 2002, Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted a response to NRC Bulletin 2002-02, "Reactor Pressure Vessel Head and Vessel Head Penetration Nozzle Inspection Programs," for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2. In the letter, SNC provided responses to six concerns contained in the enclosure as justification for continued reliance on visual examinations as the primary method to detect degradation in the reactor pressure vessel head. Reports referenced as numbers 2, 3, 4, 6, and 11 on page 7 of the enclosure have since been assigned report numbers and/or new issuance dates. Enclosed is a revised page 7 containing the appropriate additions and/or corrections.

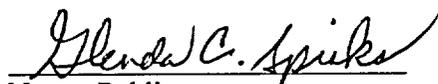
Mr. Jeffrey T. Gasser states he is Vice President of Southern Nuclear Operating Company and is authorized to execute this oath on behalf of Southern Nuclear Operating Company, and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the facts set forth in this letter are true.

Please contact this office if there are any questions.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey T. Gasser

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of October, 2002.


Notary Public

My commission expires: 11/10/02

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Therefore, while the exact timing of the event progression at Davis-Besse cannot be definitively established, the probable duration can be predicted with sufficient certainty to conclude that a visual inspection regimen can ensure continued structural integrity of the RCS pressure boundary.

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