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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555-0001

**Subject: Duke Energy Corporation
Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3
Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, and 50-287
Supplemental Information -
30 Day Response to NRC Bulletin 2002-02:
Reactor Pressure Vessel Head and Vessel Head
Penetration Nozzle Inspection Programs**

By letter dated September 6, 2002, Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) submitted the subject response to Bulletin 2002-02. Duke's submittal indicated, in part, that a number of enhancements would be pursued to improve the capability to identify symptoms of Reactor Pressure Vessel Head (RPVH) degradation. These enhancements were focused on indications of leakage and head wastage that could be detected during operation. One of these enhancements was a routine visual check of containment airborne radiation monitor filters for the presence of boric acid and iron oxide accumulations.

Oconee containment airborne radiation monitors are equipped with moving filter paper as opposed to fixed filters. Duke has evaluated the potential quantities of boric acid and/or iron oxide that could be collected on the airborne monitors' moving filter and determined that routine sampling or inspection of the moving filter paper would not provide a meaningful indication of ongoing RPVH degradation. Therefore, Duke does not intend to implement this check.

Please contact Robert Douglas at 864-885-3073 for additional information.

Very Truly Yours,




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AFFIDAVIT

R. A. Jones states that he is Site Vice President of Duke Energy Corporation; that he is authorized on the part of said corporation to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this supplemental information concerning the Oconee Nuclear Station response to NRC Bulletin 02-02; and that all statements and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.



R. A. Jones, Site Vice President

Subscribed and sworn to me: 23rd of September, 2003
Date

Shirley A. Smith Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 6/12/2013
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