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December 14, 2011

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**SUBJECT: NRC PARTICIPATION IN THE JOSEPH M. FARLEY MAY 2012 EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE**

Dear Mr. Lynch:

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission routinely participates in licensees' emergency preparedness exercises to ensure that the NRC's Incident Response capabilities are effectively maintained, and to provide licensees an opportunity to exercise the interface with the NRC that may occur during the response to an incident at their sites. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our intent to participate in your Joseph M. Farley Emergency Preparedness Exercise that is scheduled to occur on May 9, 2012, which was previously discussed with Chris Boone of the Southern Nuclear Operating Company Emergency Preparedness staff, and Scott Odom of your staff. The extent of participation will only involve regional response staff.

The Regional response will involve activating our Region II Incident Response Center and sending an NRC Site Team, including our resident inspectors, to your facilities. Additionally, if requested by the states of Alabama and Georgia, we will have an NRC participant at the state Emergency Operations Centers. If our scope of participation changes, we will contact your emergency preparedness staff to discuss the changes. We will also be coordinating with your staff to schedule pre-exercise outreach discussions and meetings to address any questions or concerns related to our participation.

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If you have any questions concerning our participation, please contact Steve Rudisail at (404) 997-4512.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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