

September 1, 1998

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SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 97-05, FOR THE  
OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 (TAC NOS. MA0477,  
MA0478, AND MA0479)

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The purpose of this letter is to inform DEC that the staff has completed its review of your response to GL 97-05, and that this review did not identify any concerns with the SG tube inspection techniques used at Oconee that would indicate DEC is not in compliance with the current licensing basis for the facility. This completes the staff's review of the GL for Oconee and closes the TAC numbers listed above.

Sincerely,  
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