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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Site  
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Overview of the Oconee Recovery Plan

Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) has focused initiatives underway to improve performance at Oconee Nuclear Site. At a July 23, 1997, meeting with Region II, Oconee management described these performance initiatives that are collectively referred to as the Oconee Recovery Plan. Attached is an overview of the Recovery Plan. This plan is a voluntary initiative which provides a focused process to manage the changes at the site that are necessary to attain and maintain performance improvements.

The Recovery Plan is a living document that is updated each month and distributed to site management. Focus areas, plans, and measures will be revised as necessary to ensure that Oconee's efforts continue to be aligned with those areas of utmost importance. The attached overview document provides a brief summary of each of the elements of the recovery plan. Detailed information regarding various milestones, measures, and results are tracked in the site's monthly edition of the Recovery Plan and are not addressed in the attached document. The detailed monthly report is available for review at any time at the Oconee site. Oconee intends to provide information regarding the measures and the results achieved during bi-monthly meetings with Region II. Detailed information is also routinely shared with the resident inspectors.

Oconee is committed to improving performance and keeping the NRC informed of progress via the bi-monthly meetings with Region II. Oconee believes that these bi-monthly meetings proposed by Duke and agreed upon by Region II management provide a constructive means to share perspectives regarding performance trends at the site. Individual elements of the

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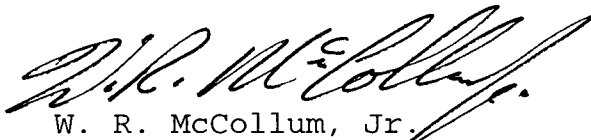
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Recovery Plan may be revised as dictated by performance trends. As such, Duke does not consider the specific initiatives, milestones, and focus areas to be regulatory commitments that require interaction with the staff prior to implementing changes.

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