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SUBJECT: Forwards insp rept 50-269/96-03, 50-270/96-03 & 50-287/96-03
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escalated enforcement action. No response required.

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-269/96-03, 50-270/96-03, AND
50-287/96-03

Dear Mr. Hampton:

This refers to the inspection conducted on January 28 through March 9, 1996, at the Oconee facility. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, an apparent violation was identified and is being considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy), NUREG-1600. The apparent violation is of concern because the Containment Hydrogen Control Systems, emergency systems required to mitigate a design basis event, had been inoperable since original construction. Original service testing, post-modification testing, and routine surveillance testing had failed to reveal the problem. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for this finding. In addition, please be advised that the number and characterization of the apparent violation described in the enclosed inspection report may change as a result of further NRC review.

You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter. No response regarding the apparent violation is required at this time.

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Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, and 50-287
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Enclosure: NRC Inspection Report

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