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SUBJECT: NRC SPECIAL INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-269/97-17, 50-270/97-17, AND 50-287/97-17

Dear Mr. McCollum:

On December 4, 1997, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an inspection at your Oconee facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

The purpose of this inspection was to determine the adequacy of the root cause investigation and corrective actions for an October 30, 1997 event involving the unauthorized access of individuals into a vital area. The investigation established that the event occurred and a root cause identified. Once the event was detected, immediate corrective action was implemented. After a review of the event, the NRC found the root cause analysis and immediate and intermediate corrective actions appropriate.

According to 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice." a copy of this letter, and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely, ORIGINAL SIGNED BY GEORGE BELISLE

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