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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2 and 3
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287
Proposed Revision to Technical Specifications
Remove List of Containment Penetrations

Our letter dated February 23, 1993 provided a proposed amendment to the Oconee Nuclear Station (ONS) Technical Specifications. This letter requests a change in the proposed amendment provided in the February 23, 1993 letter.

The attachment shows the change in the proposed amendment. This change would delete the words "...and be considered operable" in the footnote for the proposed Technical Specification 3.6.3.c. It also changes the location of the footnote to apply only to items 2 and 3 under Technical Specification 3.6.3.c. This revision is intended to clarify that whenever a penetration flow path is unisolated intermittently under administrative controls, the containment isolation valve is considered inoperable. This interpretation is consistent with our current understanding of the Standard Technical Specifications. The technical justification and the analysis of No Significant Hazards Consideration in the February 23, 1993 letter is not affected by this change in the proposed amendment.

We would also like to change our proposed amendment to correct an administrative error in Technical Specification 3.6.4. This specification states "The reactor building internal pressure shall not exceed 1.5 psig or five inches of Hg if the reactor is critical." This specification should read "...shall not exceed 1.5 psig or a vacuum of five inches of Hg...". This is clearly an administrative error in that 1.5 psig does not equal 5 inches of Hg. Instead, a vacuum of 5 inches of Hg is equivalent to -2.5 psig.

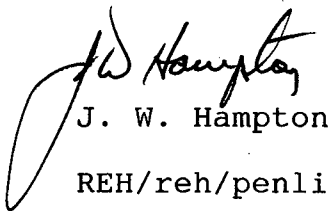
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The Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) section 3.8.1.3.4 states that the reactor building is designed for an external pressure of 3 psig. This value is approximately 0.5 psig greater than the maximum external pressure (2.5 psig) that could be developed if the reactor building were sealed during a period of low barometric pressure and high temperature and subsequently the reactor building atmosphere were cooled with a concurrent rise in barometric pressure. This is also discussed in the bases for the Technical Specification 3.6. Therefore, this proposed change would clarify the intent of Specification 3.6.4 and correct the administrative error.

If there are any questions about this proposed amendment, please call Mark Patrick at (803) 885-3292.

Very truly yours,



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J. W. Hampton, being duly sworn, states that he is Vice President of Duke Power Company, that he is authorized on the part of said Company to sign and file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this revision to the Oconee Nuclear Station License Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55; and that all statements and matters set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.



J. W. Hampton, Vice President

Subscribed and sworn before me this 3rd th day of May, 1993 .



Notary Public

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