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August 10, 1981

Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II
101 Marietta Street, Suite 3100
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Re: Oconee Nuclear Station
IE Inspection Report
50-269/81-12
50-270/81-12
50-287/81-12

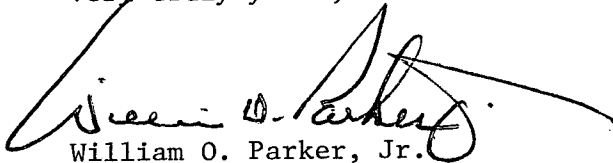
Dear Sir:

With regard to Paul J. Kellogg's letter of July 22, 1981 which transmitted the subject inspection report, Duke Power Company does not consider the information contained therein to be proprietary.

Please find attached responses to the cited item of noncompliance.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements set forth herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, executed on August 10, 1981.

Very truly yours,


William O. Parker, Jr.

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Oconee Nuclear Station

Response to IE Inspection Report 50-269/81-12, -270/81-12, -287/81-12

Violation

Technical Specification Section 6.4.1 states that the station shall be operated and maintained in accordance with approved procedures including procedures for the fire protection program implementation. Oconee Nuclear Station Directive 3.11.5, Permanent and Transient Storage of Combustible Material, was developed to control the location and limit the amount of combustible material storage within the plant. Section 4.6 of Directive 3.11.5 states that nonpermanent storage of combustible materials may occur but must be used within four days, except in mechanical, electrical and ventilation equipment rooms the materials must be removed when the work is complete or when personnel performing the work are not occupying the area.

Contrary to the above, a total of 138 combustible charcoal filter units each containing 50 pounds of charcoal were found stored in the Unit 1 containment purge exhaust equipment room on June 15, 1981, and the room was unoccupied. These filters had apparently been stored in this room for approximately 120 days.

Response

- 1) Admission or denial of the alleged violation:

The violation is correct as written.

- 2) Reasons for the violation:

The charcoal filters had been taken to the purge equipment room in response to a work request to change the purge filters. When it was subsequently decided that the installed filters did not need to be changed, the replacement filters were left in the purge equipment room. The maintenance crews involved were not aware of the flammability of the charcoal filters and thus did not realize that Station Directive 3.11.5 was being violated.

- 3) Corrective actions taken and results:

The cited charcoal filters have been removed and stored in the supply warehouse.

- 4) Corrective actions to be taken to avoid further violations:

This incident will be reviewed in Maintenance crew meetings and all appropriate personnel will be made aware of the combustibility of charcoal filters.

- 5) Date when full compliance will be achieved:

Corrective actions will be completed by October 31, 1981.