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Interim Report on Westinghouse Alloy 600 SG  
Mechanical Plugs installed at Duke Power Plants

Reference: Letter to NRC from M.S. Tuckman dated January 31,  
1995

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to revise a statement in the "Background" of the letter to you dated January 31, 1995, and to provide additional information since our original correspondence.

The revision is to modify a statement concerning the Justification for Continued Operation (JCO) provided to the industry by Westinghouse. This issue applies to our B&W designed Steam Generators at Oconee Unit 1 where there are Westinghouse plugs installed. The JCO sites specific information for the Westinghouse and Combustion Engineering Designed steam generators which does not specifically apply to our B&W designed steam generators. However, the B&W design steam generator does preclude a plug top release event. The reasons for this conclusion are found in our original response.

Below you will find the revised "Background". The original "Response" remains valid and unchanged.

Background

In December 1994, Westinghouse notified us of recent experience with Alloy 600 mechanical plugs that necessitated a revision to

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the corrosion algorithm presented in WCAP-12244, Revision 3. This revision in the corrosion algorithm affects our previously developed schedule and action plan for addressing all remaining Alloy 600 mechanical plugs in service in our steam generators at Oconee Unit 1. Westinghouse has communicated to us that they intend to issue Addendum 3 to WCAP-12244, Revision 3 in January 1995. This issue does not pose an immediate safety concern to the health and welfare of the public.

Additional Information

As committed to in our original response, we have reviewed Addendum 3 to WCAP-12244, Revision 3 and find it consistent with our original response and action plan. Our action plan is to repair the Westinghouse ribbed plugs at Oconee Unit 1 by 1998. We consider the actions requested by your letter dated January 26, 1995 complete and no further correspondence is required.

I declare under penalty of perjury that these statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

If you have any questions or concerns relative to this response, please contact D.B. Mayes at (704) 382-4211.

Very truly yours,



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