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Sixth Surveillance
Delay of Commitments

By letter dated July 30, 1996, Duke Power committed to perform a containment re-analysis by January 1, 1997. In a follow-up letter dated December 18, 1996, Duke informed the staff that the containment re-analysis would be completed by June 1, 1997, with a basis of supporting collection of tendon surveillance data during the Unit 1, end-of-cycle 17 refueling outage. After further review, it has been determined that this analysis cannot be completed by the specified due date due to the need to complete a thorough documentation of the analysis results. Duke requires an additional two months, until August 1, 1997, to complete all of the documentation of the analysis results.

The analysis is approximately 90% complete. All tendon loads, dead loads, and LOCA pressure and thermal loads have been resolved and applied to the analytical model. Evaluation of the effect of concrete cracking on the combined stresses remains to be completed. Duke continues to be committed to completing these analyses. The new proposed completion date will not affect Oconee's preparedness for evaluation of the results of the next scheduled tendon surveillance during the Unit 1, end-of-cycle 17 refueling outage since this outage has been rescheduled from June 1, 1997, to August 1, 1997.

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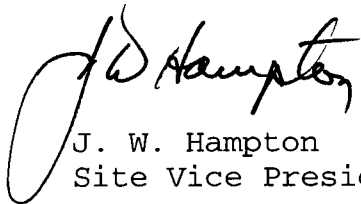
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