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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-269/89-01, 50-270/98-01 AND
50-287/89-01

The NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) has been completed for your Oconee facility. The facility was evaluated for the period August 1, 1987 - January 31, 1989. The results of the evaluation are documented in the enclosed Interim SALP Report. This report will be discussed with you at a public meeting to be held at the Oconee facility on April 21, 1989, at 10:00 a.m.

The performance of your Oconee facility was evaluated in the functional areas of Plant Operations, Radiological Controls, Maintenance/Surveillance, Emergency Preparedness, Security, Engineering/Technical Support, and Safety Assessment/Quality Verification.

Overall performance of your Oconee facility was satisfactory during this assessment period. Although the functional areas evaluated during this assessment period are not identical to those in the previous period, a close correlation can be made for identifying changes in performance.

Strengths were identified in the areas of Plant Operations, Radiological Controls and Emergency Preparedness.

Operations performance continued to be a strength. Management was frequently observed in various areas of the plant providing oversight of activities and guidance to personnel. Operator training and experience were excellent. The number of automatic trips were reduced well below the industry average and below the goals you established for Oconee.

In the area of Maintenance/Surveillance performance has declined. Overall your maintenance and surveillance programs have experienced a decrease in effectiveness. Over this assessment period, numerous performance problems were identified characterized by inattention to detail, miscommunication and procedural/personnel errors.

The Emergency Preparedness area maintained a strong performance. A weakness was identified in an emergency exercise which would not be expected in a SALP Category 1 program. However, you implemented a prompt and very effective response to the weakness and subsequently you effectively demonstrated your capabilities during actual events.

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With respect to Security, performance declined from a Category 1 to a Category 2. A lack of responsiveness in resolving a long standing issue relating to the assessment capability of the closed circuit television system and an increase in the number of violations detracted from an otherwise favorable evaluation of the security program.

Management effort in the Engineering/Technical Support area is apparent from the improvement in this assessment period. Management activities have resulted in the self-identification of several significant problems. Although progress has been made in this area, a weakness still exists in the quality of communication between design engineering and other plant organizations.

Any comments you have concerning our evaluation of the performance of your Oconee facility should be submitted to this office within 30 days following the date of our meeting. These comments will be considered in development of the Final SALP Report. Your comments and a summary of our meeting will be issued as an appendix to the Final SALP Report.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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Interim SALP Report - Oconee

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