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MEMORANDUM FOR: Luis Reyes, Director  
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FROM: Gus Lainas, Assistant Director  
for Region II Reactors  
Division of Reactor Projects - I/II, NRR

SUBJECT: TASK INTERFACE AGREEMENT (TIA) RELATING TO OCOONEE PERFORMANCE  
DURING OUTAGES (TIA 92-02)

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NRC has taken a number of actions subsequent to the plant shutdown events in September 1991. These actions included (1) meeting with the licensee to discuss deficiencies in the Oconee technical specifications, (2) a management meeting with senior licensee management to discuss operating performance at all three Duke nuclear stations, and (3) a shutdown risk pilot inspection at Oconee. In addition, a management meeting was held in Region II on September 25, 1991, and an Enforcement Conference was conducted on December 18, 1991 to discuss the apparent violations identified by the AIT.

As discussed previously, we are requesting that Region II evaluate each of the concerns in the enclosure in light of previous inspection and other activities as discussed above at Oconee relating to shutdown risk and determine whether additional inspection activity or other action is needed to address these concerns. The Division of Reactor Inspection and Safeguards has agreed to work closely with Region II to identify areas appropriate for evaluation as part of the ongoing shutdown risk pilot inspection. Also enclosed is a matrix identifying those issues being addressed by this inspection.

It is requested that you address each of the items identified in the attached memorandum, consider additional inspection activity that may be required, and include any previous activities that would resolve the issue. Please provide us with the results of your review. Our point of contact for this issue is Len Wiens. He can be reached at FTS 964-1495.

/s/  
Gus Lainas, Assistant Director for  
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In response to the concerns identified by Warren Lyon in his memorandum, we have undertaken the following actions:

1. Performed a comparison between the AIT report and the observations in Mr. Lyon's memorandum to determine pre-identified issues.
2. Provided Mr. Lyon's observations as background material for the pilot shutdown risk inspection.
3. Provide Mr. Lyon's memorandum to Region II for your evaluation and action as appropriate.

Enclosed are the results of our comparison of pre-identified issues (Action 1 above). It is requested that the enclosures be reviewed by Region II to determine if any additional action(s) on the part of the NRC is warranted. Please advise us of any action(s) taken or recommended as a result of your review. Our point of contact for this issue is Len Wiens. He can be reached at FTS 964-1495.

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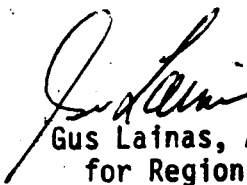
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