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on 980817-20. Exercise weaknesses noted.

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-269/98-13, 50-270/98-13, AND
50-287/98-13

Dear Mr. McCollum:

On August 20, 1998, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an inspection at your Oconee Nuclear Station. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the week of August 17-20, 1998, an inspection team observed selected portions of your emergency organization's response in key facilities during the emergency preparedness plume exposure exercise conducted on August 18, 1998. The emergency response observed during the simulated accident was considered generally satisfactory.

Your attention is directed to the exercise weaknesses identified in sections P4.3.b.1 and P4.2.b.3 of the enclosed report. As required by Section IV.F of Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50, any weaknesses that are identified shall be corrected. As discussed during the exit interview and later confirmed with a telephone call, it is our understanding that you have tentatively scheduled another exercise on December 15, 1998 to demonstrate corrective action taken in response to the weaknesses. If this information is incorrect, please notify us.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by K. P. Barr)

Kenneth P. Barr, Chief
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