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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-269/99-11, 50-270/99-11, AND  
50-287/99-11

Dear Mr. McCollum:

This refers to an inspection conducted on April 26 - 30, 1999, at the Oconee facility. The purpose of the inspection was to examine a sample of plant equipment and the documentation that support your application for renewed operating licenses for Oconee Nuclear Station. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

This inspection concluded that the scoping and screening portion of your license renewal activities were conducted as described in your License Renewal Application and documentation supporting your application is in an auditable and retrievable form. With the exception of the items identified in this report, your scoping and screening process was generally successful in identifying those systems, structures, and commodity groups required to be considered for aging management.

The team concluded that the function of spent fuel pool cooling and the postulated plant events of loss of decay heat removal and pipe rupture should have been addressed in the mechanical scoping process for license renewal. This matter is part of a broader issue that will be addressed as part of the staff's ongoing review of your scoping and screening process.

Within the scope of the inspection, violations or deviations were not identified. 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.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by V. M. McCree)

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