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It is requested that you provide the information requested within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

A. Schwencer, Chief
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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO
OCONEE STEAM GENERATORS

1. It was stated during the meeting on February 15, 1977, that defective and plugged tubes were stabilized down to the top support plate if the defect was found near the top tube sheet. Assess the consequence of possible failures of these defective tubes at lower or un-stabilized sections.
2. Provide a re-evaluation of past ECT records to show whether or not there were tube defects that might have led to initiation of tube cracking.
3. Due to failure in all the affected units at nearly the same point in time, indicate any change in operating procedures or other possible incidents that might have led to tube failures in Oconee steam generators.
4. Indicate any plan to perform ECT examinations of periphery tubes.
5. Provide analytical calculations and/or tests to justify that the crack length, in the circumferential directions, associated with the proposed leakage rate will not increase in an unstable fashion under normal operating and accident conditions.
6. During the recent meeting with the NRC staff, it was indicated that there is 0.4% sulphur content in the sediment deposits. Provide an assessment on the effect of the high sulphur content to the tubes in terms of possible chemical reactions.
7. Provide the micro-hardness test results of both virgin and cracked tubes to determine any evidence of plastic cyclic straining that may initiate the cracks.
8. Provide accident consequence analyses assuming:
 - a. A certain number of tube failures, that can be tolerated, concurrent with a LOCA.
 - b. The equivalent number of tubes failures that can be tolerated during a MSLB in terms of off site dosage.

9. Provide analytical and/or test data to assure tube integrity by demonstrating the capability of degraded tubes (circumferentially partial cracked tubes) to withstand accident induced loads. NRC's positions on this matter were delineated in Regulatory Guide 1.121 which was published for comment in August 1976.
10. Indicate B&W's on-going and planned future programs associated with tube failure, i.e., tests on mechanical strengths and fatigue strengths of degraded tubes.