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INTENT RE POSTULATED ASYMMETRIC LOCA LOADS AND EVALUATION OF SUCH LOADS.

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Attention: Mr. Victor, Stello, Jr., Director

Division of Operating Reactors

Reference: Oconee Nuclear Station

Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, 50-287

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 25, 1978 addressed the issue of postulated asymmetric LOCA loads and requested a response indicating intent to proceed with an evaluation of such loads. By this letter, Duke Power Company confirms that an adequate and orderly resolution of the asymmetric LOCA load issue will be pursued.

It is our intent with regard to this matter to achieve as generic a resolution as practicable. Accordingly, discussions have been held involving the Oconee NSSS vendor (Babcock and Wilcox) and owners of other affected Oconee class plants. It has been determined that further clarification of various aspects of the January 25, 1978 letter is necessary before proceeding with development of detailed schedules and work scopes. It is suggested that a meeting involving the NRC, B&W and affected licensees be held in the near future to obtain such clarification. A representative of the owners group will be in contact with the staff to arrange this meeting.

Very truly yours,

William O. Varher, Jr.

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RE: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Purusant to the requirements of Oconee Nuclear Station Technical Specification 6.6.2.2.d, this report is submitted describing a condition in which a measured level of radioactivity exceeded the control level by greater than 50 times.

On February 16, 1978 analytical results of surface water samples composited between September 1, 1977 and November 30, 1977 were reviewed. Given below is a summary of the pertinent analytical results.

Sample Location	Date Collected	Tritium Concentration (pCi/1)
000.3 Hwy. 183 Bridge N. of Site (Control)	10/6/77 - 12/6/77	$(1.2 \pm 0.7)E2$
000.7 Hwy. 183 Bridge S. of Site	9/1/77 - 11/3/77	$(>50x)(7.9 \pm 0.5)E3$

Tritium concentrations in downstream water samples are dependent upon the tritium concentrations of liquid effluent released from the station. For the period September 1, 1977 through November 30, 1977 a total of 212.5 curies of tritium were released from the station in liquid effluents.

Based on Keowee Hydro flow data, the curies released and the sampler design at location 000.7, it is calculated that the activity in this sample should have been 1.5E4~pCi/l. A comparison of the observed and calculated tritium concentrations shows the observed value to be lower than, but comparable to the calculated or expected value.

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If an individual were to consume water containing approximately 8E3~pCi/1 of tritium for an entire year, the maximum dose estimate (using the model of Regulatory Guide 1.109) would be 0.6~mrem/yr to the whole body. This estimate of dose is less than 0.2% of the limits of 10CFR20 and results from a concentration less than 0.3% of the MPC value for tritium in water. Therefore, it is concluded that the observed anamalous tritium concentration does not affect public health and safety in any way.

Very truly yours,

William O. Parker, Jr./

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