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Mr. Harold L. Price Director of Regulation U.S. Atomic Energy Commission Washington, D.C. 20545



50-969-270-28,

Dear Mr. Price:

Thank you for your letter of July 22, 1970, to Mr. Roger Strelow transmitting the "Environmental Statement" for the Oconee Nuclear Station. We have considered this statement in our review of the facility which is required by the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. In response to your request for comments, we are pleased to provide the enclosed report by our Bureau of Radiological Health which states our position on the proposed operation of the plant based on an evaluation of the public health and environmental aspects of the facility.

The Bureau's review is based primarily on information contained in the Final Safety Analysis Report. It is recognized that other design information may become available before an operating permit is granted, but we believe our environmental evaluation is substantially completed at this time, unless, of course, major changes occur.

When the other agency comments are compiled, we would be most happy to receive them. If this Department can assist you further in this matter, we would be happy to do so.

Sincerely)yours,

Roger O. Egeberg, M.D. Assistant Secretary for Health and Scientific Affairs



Enclosure