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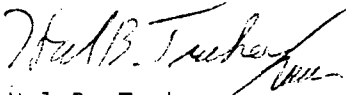
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Inspection Report 50-269/88-35, -270/88-35 and 50-287/88-35
Reply to Notice of Deviation

Gentlemen:

Please find attached my response to the notice of deviation identified in the subject inspection report.

Very truly yours,


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Inspection Report 50-269, -270, -287/88-35

Deviation 88-35-02

Duke Power Company correspondence dated February 29, 1988, in response to Notice of Violation 50-269, 270, 287/87-51-01 committed to develop an enhanced procedure to provide better guidelines and control all freeze plug operations. This procedure was to be complete by December 1, 1988.

Contrary to the above, as of January 16, 1989, a procedure had not been issued providing this guidance.

Response:

1. Reason for Deviation

This procedure has been on administrative hold waiting for all the equipment to arrive on site. For this procedure a set of scales have been brought and installed next to the nitrogen bottle and an extra thermos ordered to ensure that three thermos would be available when a freeze seal is performed.

2. Corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved:

Additional equipment has been ordered for use during freeze plug operation. Procedures have been revised to instruct personnel on the use of the new equipment during freeze plug operation. The new equipment and enhanced procedures will provide better guidelines and control of freeze plug operation.

3. Corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further deviations:

The revised procedure addressing the operation of the scales will be reviewed and approved by April 1, 1989. The extra thermos will be onsite and ready for use by April 1, 1989.

4. Date when corrective action will be completed:

April 1, 1989