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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-269/91-08, 50-270/91-08 AND
50-287/91-08

This refers to the special inspection conducted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Augmented Inspection Team (AIT) at your Oconee facility during the period March 12-15, 1991. The inspection included a review of events that lead to the March 8, 1991, Loss of Decay Heat Removal. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the report forwarded to you on April 15, 1991.

You and selected members of your staff met with NRC representatives on March 21, 1991. The results of this meeting were forwarded to you on March 27, 1991.

The cover letter forwarding the AIT report to you on April 15, 1991, contained an error. The letter stated that within the scope of this inspection, no violations or deviations were identified. The AIT results were reviewed by the NRC and, based on this review, the NRC has determined that the loss of plant configuration control that resulted in the partial drain down of the reactor vessel level and the subsequent interruption of decay heat removal capability is a significant event.

Consequently, this confirms the arrangements made between you and Mr. A. R. Herdt of my staff concerning an Enforcement Conference to be conducted in the Region II Office on May 7, 1991, at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the Loss of Reactor Coolant Inventory and Decay Heat Removal event which occurred on March 8, 1991. The areas that we would like to address are identified in the enclosure.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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