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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 88-05 FOR OCONEE AND MCGUIRE NUCLEAR
STATION (TAC NOs. 68931, 68932, 68933, 68327, AND 68328)

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As discussed in Generic Letter 88-05, you should maintain, in auditable form, records of the program and results obtained from implementation of the programs. These records may be subject to future auditing.

This completes our effort under the subject TAC numbers for Oconee and McGuire Nuclear Stations.

Sincerely,

/S/

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