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SUBJECT: Forwards insp repts 50-269/94-28, 50-270/94-28 & 50-287/94-28 on 940828-0924 & notice of violation. Violation of concern because failure to follow procedure during mod endangered plant personnel & resulted in loss of radiation monitors.

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October 20, 1994

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-269/94-28, 50-270/94-28 AND
50-287/94-28)

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by P. E. Harmon of this office on August 28 - September 24, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Oconee facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed inspection report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The first violation is of concern because the failure to follow procedure during a modification activity endangered plant personnel and resulted in the loss of the majority of the Unit 1 radiation monitors. The second violation is of concern because an important limit for steam generator integrity was not incorporated into procedures, which resulted in this limit being exceeded for the 3B Steam Generator. The third violation is of concern because the dry out of the 3B steam generator could have been prevented had adequate and timely corrective action been pursued for turbine bypass valves randomly repositioning following restoration of power.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with the NRC regulatory requirements.

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

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC inspection Report

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