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Unresolved Item 94-31-06

Dear Sir:

By letter dated December 20, 1995, Duke Power provided clarification on the resolution to Unresolved Item (URI) 94-31-06. URI 94-31-06 addressed the issue of high spent fuel pool (SFP) radiation levels during a Standby Shutdown Facility (SSF) event. In the response to this URI, Duke committed to implement a hard-pipe water makeup path modification on the Unit 3 SFP, including revision of the associated procedures, by July 1, 1996.

As a result of an internal review, Duke has discovered that this commitment was not fully completed by the due date of July 1, 1996. Although the hardware modifications were completed, the associated procedures for the modification were not revised until August 28, 1996, due to an administrative oversight.

The purpose of installing the SFP makeup modification on Unit 3 is to reduce operator burden. The modification and associated procedures reduce operator burden by eliminating the time restraints associated with performing manipulations in the SFP area before radiation levels become too high for operator access. SFP makeup could have been performed, using the unrevised procedures and pre-modification equipment, even with the new hardware installed under the Unit 3 SFP makeup modification. As described in the December 20, 1995, letter, considerable margin exists in the time to boil calculation for Unit 3, even under the pre-modification makeup methodology. Therefore, the delay in implementing the procedural revisions for the Unit 3 SFP modification would not have impacted the health and safety of the public.

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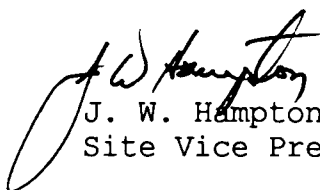
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