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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287
Proposed Technical Specification Change, Supplement
Primary to Secondary Leakage Rate Limit

Dear Sir:

By letter dated May 31, 1988, I had submitted a proposed amendment to the Oconee Nuclear Station (ONS) facility Operating Licenses and revisions to the technical specifications. The proposed revisions were in response to an NRC letter dated October 2, 1987 and had established a specific limit of 1.0 gpm per unit on allowable primary to secondary leakage for all three Oconee units. In addition, several administrative changes were also included. Subsequently, in a letter dated April 26, 1990, I submitted a revised proposed technical specification amendment as a supplement to my May 31, 1988 letter.

The proposed Technical Specification 3.1.6.4 submitted by my letter of April 26, 1990 establishes a limit of 0.35 gallons per minute of primary-to-secondary leakage through the tubes of any one steam generator. The proposed action statement requires a reactor shutdown to be initiated within 4 hours and be in a cold shutdown condition within the next 36 hours. Furthermore, the proposed technical specification requires that if the leakage is less than 0.35 gallons per minute, an assessment be made to determine whether operations may be continued safely or the plant should be shutdown.

In recent conversations between members of my staff and the NRC regarding this amendment request, we expressed our desire to remove the last sentence of the proposed Technical Specification 3.1.6.4 which requires performance of an assessment for continued operation if leakage is less than 0.35 gallons per minute. Based on these discussions, I am supplementing my letter of April 26, 1990 by submitting a revised proposed technical specification amendment which incorporates this recent change. Accordingly, the revised page 3.1-14 in Attachment 1 to this letter replaces the similar page provided by my letter of April 26, 1990.

Attachment 2 to this letter also provides a revised Supporting Technical Justification and the No Significant Hazards Consideration Evaluation which supports the revised proposed change submitted in this letter.

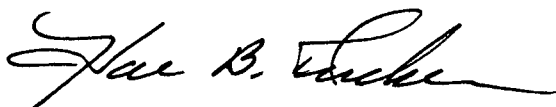
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This evaluation is intended to supersede in its entirety the contents of Attachment 2 to my letter of April 26, 1990. The No Significant Hazards Consideration Evaluation performed has determined that the attached proposed amendment does not involve a significant hazard consideration. A copy of this supplement to the original application is being forwarded to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for Review and, as appropriate, subsequent consultation with the staff.

To assure sufficient time to revise appropriate station procedures, I request that the effective date of the technical specification revisions be 60 days after approval of the Amendment Request.

Very truly yours,



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