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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-400/95-13

Dear Mr. Robinson:

This letter refers to an inspection conducted during the period August 6 through September 2, 1995, at the Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant. During the inspection, the NRC examined the facts and circumstances regarding your identification of an apparent falsification of a radiological survey record by a health physics technician (HPT). As a result of our initial review of the matter, an Unresolved Item was identified (50-400/95-13-01), and documented in the subject report dated September 28, 1995.

As discussed in detail in the Inspection Report, as a result of a routine review of completed radiological survey documentation, you questioned the validity of a survey conducted by an HPT on July 28, 1995. Your subsequent investigation of the incident established that the HPT did not perform a required monthly survey of the 236-foot elevation of the Waste Processing Building on July 28, 1995; that the HPT prepared, signed, and dated a survey form for the area in question when a survey had not been performed; and that the HPT's explanation of how the survey was allegedly conducted was not supported by the verifiable facts in the case. On August 11, 1995, you informed the HPT that her employment with Carolina Power and Light Company was terminated.

As an employee at a nuclear power plant, the technician was placed in a position where her performance was expected to be above reproach. This includes assurance that all work is performed in accordance with procedures and that all records of activities are complete and accurate. As determined by your investigation, the HPT's actions in July 1995 did not adhere to these standards. Accordingly, on October 20, 1995, I issued a letter to the individual re-enforcing NRC's expectations in this regard (Enclosure).

The NRC's review of this matter has been completed. Although the falsification of records is a serious matter of regulatory concern, I have decided, pursuant to Section VII.B.1 of the Enforcement Policy and after consultation with the Director, Office of Enforcement, that no action will be taken with respect to Carolina Power and Light Company in this case. The bases for this decision are: 1) you identified the record falsification as a result of your self-monitoring efforts as well as an alert health physics staff with a questioning attitude; 2) the violation appeared to be the isolated act of one individual who held a low level position in your overall

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organization; 3) you conducted a prompt and thorough investigation; and 4) you implemented corrective action, including disciplinary action against the individual involved.

This closes NRC action in this matter, and no formal response to this action is required. In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

If you should have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Milton Shymlock, Chief, Branch 4, Division of Reactor Projects, at 404-331-5535.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
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Regional Administrator

Enclosure: As stated

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