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Directorate of Inspection and Enforcement
Region II
101 Marietta Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Attn: Mr. C. E. Murphy

REFERENCE:

IE: II: WBS
50-424/79-08
50-425/79-08
File: X7BG10

Gentlemen:

The Georgia Power Company wishes to submit the following information concerning the noncompliance discussed in your inspection report number 50-424/79-08 and 50-425/79-08.

Nonconformance Reports have been issued identifying the areas of concern. A stop work order has been written for Category I backfill operations until resolution of these problems are reached.

The Georgia Power Company's field testing personnel are presently testing for moisture using the "pan dry" and the "oven dry" methods. The results of these tests will be reviewed for correlation and will be presented to the Bechtel Power Corporation soils engineers. Field testing personnel have received additional instructions in the requirements for documenting all test results.

The fill material placed on March 12, 1979 has been removed and acceptable material placed with appropriate testing accomplished and documented. A Fill Failure Notice was not written for density tests nos. 1217 and 1219 because the tests were in compliance with the specification requirements. Specifications X2AP01 paragraph C2.2.7.C.1, and X2AB01 paragraph 6.3.A state:

"The Category I backfill shall be compacted to an average of 97 percent of the maximum dry density . . . with not more than 10 percent of the tests below 95 percent and no test below 93 percent . . . The average compaction shall be evaluated for each set of twenty field density tests made after placement in any area in which fill is placed."

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This documentation is available on site.

Full compliance is expected by July 16, 1979.

The information contained in the inspection report is not considered to be proprietary.

Very truly yours,


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