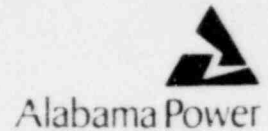


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Re: RII:BRC
50-364/78-20

Dear Mr. Murphy:

This refers to the apparent deficiency in the subject inspection report which states:

Criterion I of Appendix B to 10 CFR 50, as implemented by the FSAR, paragraph 17.2.1, requires in part that, "The authority and duties of persons and organizations performing activities affecting the safety-related functions of structures, systems and components shall be clearly established and delineated in writing. These activities include both the performing functions of attaining quality objectives and the quality assurance functions".

Contrary to the above requirements, on December 13, 1978, the inspector found that certain licensee organizational responsibilities for the control of pre-service inspection are not clearly delineated in writing. Examples of lack of written responsibilities are:

1. The Pre-Service/In-Service Coordinator, who works for Southern Company Services, performs certain review and approval and program surveillance. None of his responsibilities are defined by written procedures.

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2. An Alabama Power Company Level III examiner performs certain review and approval recommendations, as well as surveillance during inspections. His responsibilities are not defined by written procedure.
3. The Operations Maintenance Supervisor has overall responsibility for the pre-service inspection. However, this responsibility is not delineated in writing, nor is his interface with the above personnel or the pre-service contractor described.

The plant staff is currently preparing an administrative procedure to provide additional clarification to those general responsibilities already delineated in existing plant procedures. Procedure approval is anticipated by March 1, 1979.

We do not consider any of the information in the subject inspection report to be proprietary.

Sincerely yours,



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