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Duke Power Company
ATTN: Mr. William O. Parker, Jr.
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Gentlemen:

By letter dated March 22, 1976, you requested an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix H, Section II.C.2, to permit the operation of Oconee Unit 3 for the remainder of Cycle 1 with the reactor vessel surveillance specimens removed from the reactor vessel. You additionally requested corresponding Technical Specification changes to reflect the removal of the surveillance capsules and to establish provisions to revise the capsule withdrawal schedule prior to Cycle 2 operation.

By letter dated April 15, 1976, you additionally proposed limiting conditions for operation for Oconee 3, Cycle 1 to assure that the possibility of further degradation of the surveillance capsule holder tubes is minimized and to assure that a failed holder tube could be detected.

We have concluded that if the reactor vessel surveillance capsules are removed for the remainder of Oconee Unit 1 Cycle 1 operation, the reactor vessel surveillance program would continue to fulfill the purpose of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix H.

An exemption to the requirements of Section II.C.2 of Appendix H is therefore granted for Oconee Unit 3 and operation with the surveillance capsules removed for the remainder of Cycle 1 is hereby authorized. In addition, the Commission has issued the enclosed Amendments No. 23, 23 and 10, for Licenses DPR-38, DPR-47 and DPR-55, for the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2 and 3. These amendments provide for the removal of the surveillance capsules during a portion of Unit 3 Cycle 1 operation, require that the capsule withdrawal schedule be revised prior to Cycle 2 and impose additional Limiting Conditions for Operation for operation of Unit 3 for the remainder of Cycle 1.

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Copies of the Safety Evaluation and the Federal Register Notice are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Victor Stello, Jr., Director
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. ²³ to DPR-38
2. Amendment No. ²³ to DPR-47
3. Amendment No. ²⁰ to DPR-55
4. Safety Evaluation
5. Federal Register Notice

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