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Mr. Harold L. Price Director of Regulation U.S. Atomic Energy Commission Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Mr. Price:

This is in response to Mr. DeYoung's letter of July 12, 1971, transmitting copies of the Pre-Operational Environmental Radioactivity Monitoring Program Report for the Duke Power Company's Oconee Nuclear Station, South Carolina, AEC Docket Nos. 50-269, 270, and 287.

The environmental monitoring program for this station for the most part is adequate, but data for benthic organisms are omitted in some tables. The list of criteria for the selection of sampling locations as mentioned on pages 6 and 7 of the report appears adequate. However, in subsequent tables, listing samples and locations (summary, 2-1 and 2-la) no data are shown for benthic organisms. Also, the distance from the radioactive waste discharge point to the nearest downstream sampling station is not clearly indicated.

Sincerely yours,

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