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Darrell G. Eisenhut, Assistant Director for Operational Technology, DOR

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST NO. ORB-1-232

Your assistance is requested for the following:

PLANT NAME: Oconee Unit 3
 DOCKET NO: 50-287
 RESPONSIBLE BRANCH: ORB-1
 CONTACT: Gary Zech (x-27433)
 TECHNICAL REVIEW BRANCH: Engineering Branch

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: By the enclosed letter dated March 22, 1976, Duke Power Company (DPC) requested an exemption to 10 CFR 50, Appendix H to allow the continued operation of Oconee Unit 3 Cycle 1 with the reactor vessel surveillance capsules removed. DPC also requested appropriate Technical Specification changes to reflect the removal of the surveillance capsules and to provide a revised capsule with drawal schedule prior to Cycle 2 operation.

You are requested to review DPC's exemption request and determine if proper consideration has been given to the safety questions involved.

Due to the scheduled restart of Oconee Unit 3 on April 10, 1976, your prompt review of this item is requested.

TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION: April 8, 1976

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