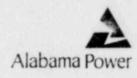
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Mr. Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director Division of Licensing Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Eisenhut:

## NUREG 0577

We are concerned with the November 1979 issue of the NUREG 0577, "Potential for Low Fracture Toughness and Lamellar Tearing on PWR Steam Generator and Reactor Coolant Pump Supports," and the amendments covered in your May 19, 1980 letter to all power reactor licensees. We believe the significance and the possible impact of both of these documents, particularly the changes contained in the May 19, 1980 letter, may not presently be recognized and not justified. Therefore, it is essential that a thorough evaluation of these documents be performed and the concerns be discussed and resolved with the NRC. We have been unable to perform this evaluation during the allowed period and respectfully request that the comment period be extended for at least until September 15, 1980.

Yours very truly,

F. L. Clayton, Jr.

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