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Docket No. 50-269

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Gentlemen:

It has recently come to our attention that one of the reporting requirements in the Oconee Nuclear Station Technical Specifications is not consistent with this reporting requirement as it is specified in the Technical Specifications in force at other facilities nor is it in conformance with NRC intentions in this regard.

Specifically, for events requiring prompt notification to the NRC, the Oconee Technical Specifications as presently worded would permit this prompt notification to be by a choice of either telephone, telegraph, mailgram, or facimile transmission. It is our intent that the prompt reporting of such events should be done promptly both orally by telephone and in writing by telegraph, mailgram or facimile transmission.

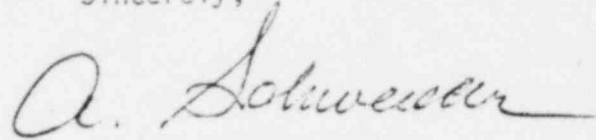
The lack of a requirement to promptly document such reportable occurrences creates what we consider to be an unacceptable inconsistency in reporting requirements and record keeping and could hamper the NRC's ability to rapidly and accurately disseminate notification of such events.

We have enclosed a page from another facility's Technical Specifications which provides you an example of the wording you should use in your Technical Specifications.

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Accordingly, within 15 days of receipt of this letter, you should request an amendment to the Oconee Technical Specifications to change the reporting requirements on prompt notification with written followup to be consistent with the staff's intent as shown in the enclosure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Schwencer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

A. Schwencer, Chief
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Enclosure:
Sample Technical Specification

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a. Prompt Notification With Written Followup. The types of events listed below shall be reported as expeditiously as possible, but within 24 hours by telephone and confirmed by telegraph, mailgram, or facsimile transmission to the Director of the appropriate Regional Office, or his designate no later than the first working day following the event, with a written followup report within two weeks. The written followup report shall include, as a minimum, a completed copy of a licensee event report form. Information provided on the licensee event report form shall be supplemented, as needed, by additional narrative material to provide complete explanation of the circumstances surrounding the event.

- (1) Failure of the reactor protection system or other systems subject to limiting safety system settings to initiate the required protective function by the time a monitored parameter reaches the setpoint specified as the limiting safety system setting in the technical specifications or failure to complete the required protective function.

Note: Instrument drift discovered as a result of testing need not be reported under this item but may be reportable under items 6.9.2.a(5), 6.9.2.a(6), or 6.9.2.b(1) below.

- (2) Operation of the unit or affected systems when any parameter or operation subject to a limiting condition is less conservative than the least conservative aspect of the limiting condition for operation established in the technical specifications.

Note: If specified action is taken when a system is found to be operating between the most conservative and the least conservative aspects of a limiting condition for operation listed in the technical specifications, the limiting condition for operation is not considered to have been violated and need not be reported under this item, but it may be reportable under item 6.9.2.b(2)

- (3) Abnormal degradation discovered in fuel cladding, reactor coolant pressure boundary, or primary containment.

Note: Leakage of valve packing or gaskets within the limits for identified leakage set forth in technical specifications need not be reported under this item.

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