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PHONE INQUIRY ON DUKE POWER COMPANY'S OCONEE UNIT I, DOCKET NO. 50-269

On January 18, 1971, Mr. Charles H. Kaplin, Environmental Protection . 'gency, FWQA, Atlanta Office, called me in regard to Duke's environmental statement. He posed three questions:

- 1. Has the July 1970 statement been revised?
- 2. Are we expecting a hearing?
- 3. How did Duke respond to the September 28, 1970 Department of Interior letter on the Duke environmental statement?

On Question No. 1 I stated that Duke has responded on the record to all agency comments. Their revised environmental statement as such was not submitted.

On Question No. 3 I discussed the October 30, 1970 Duke letter which covered all points raised by the Interior letter of September 28, 1970.

On Question No. 2 I indicated that to date there has been no request for a hearing, but that since the notice of intent to issue an operating license was published January 8, 1971, we won't know until February 8 if such a request will be made.

In closing, Mr. Kaplin said he was looking into the possibility that Duke may have to have a Corps of Engineers water discharge permit for Oconee. He specifically mentioned Executive Crder 11574 as making such permits mandatory for all industrial discharges to navigable waters. He also inquired as to whether AEC would allow intervention on thermal water quality grounds. I was unable to advise him on this matter.

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