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Georgia Power Company
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-321/89-22 AND 50-366/89-22)

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Board has completed its periodic evaluation of your Hatch facility for the period July 1, 1988, through September 30, 1989. The results of this evaluation are documented in the enclosed SALP Report. This report will be discussed with you at a public meeting to be held at your Hatch facility in Baxley, Georgia, on December 13, 1989, at 11:00 a.m.

The performance of your Hatch facility was evaluated in the functional areas of plant operations, radiological controls, maintenance/surveillance, emergency preparedness, security and safeguards, engineering/technical support, and safety assessment/quality verification. Although the functional areas evaluated during this assessment period are not identical to those evaluated in the previous period, a close correlation can be made for identifying changes in performance.

This assessment clearly indicates overall performance has substantially improved. During this SALP period, the Hatch facility has shown an improving trend in the areas of security and safeguards and engineering/technical support; and has substantially improved the level of performance in the areas of plant operations, maintenance/surveillance, emergency preparedness, and safety assessment/quality verification. The level of performance in the area of radiological controls remained the same as the previous SALP period. Management attention and involvement have been evident throughout the assessment period.

Your staff should be commended for their superior performance in a majority of the SALP functional areas. It will be a continuing challenge to maintain and improve upon this level of performance. With regard to improvements, the NRC staff has specifically recommended that you provide increased attention in the area of control of special processes with particular emphasis on technical oversight of contractor performance in the welding and NDE areas.

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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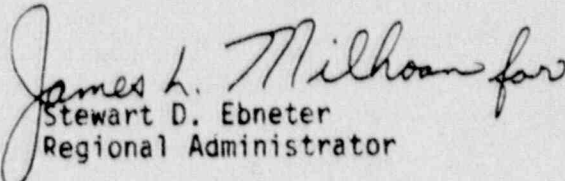
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