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Dr. Stephen H. Hanauer, Director
Division of Human Factors Safety
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Dr. Hanauer:

Alabama Power Company currently has an operator license class which will be scheduled for examinations beginning December 7, 1981.

The Safety Evaluation Report for Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant Unit II, Item I.A.3.1 (4), Revised Scope and Criteria for Licensing Exams - Simulator Examinations, required simulator exams be included as part of the licensing examination after October 1, 1981. By letter dated February 9, 1981, Alabama Power Company agreed to make the necessary arrangements to give simulator examinations on a non-plant specific simulator conditioned on the availability of a simulator which is adequately close to the Farley Plant, so as to avoid degradation of operator skills.

We are attempting to establish a firm schedule to allow sufficient time for the exams to begin in November. Indefinite technique and methods for examinations on dissimilar simulators are making it difficult to determine the amount of simulator time required for examinations. In order for the persons being examined to receive a fair and meaningful exam, they must be afforded additional time on the simulator immediately prior to the exam. Considering the impact these uncertainties create for the person to be examined and the problems faced in determining the amount of simulator time required leads us to request that simulator examinations not be included as part of the license examination for the Farley Plant people to be examined this November.

Yours very truly,

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