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Duke Power Company
ATTN: Mr. W. O. Parker, Jr.
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Gentlemen:

A special inspection was conducted by inspectors from Region II, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission from March 23 to April 1, 1982 at your Oconee Nuclear Station Unit 1. The purpose of this inspection was to evaluate the safety significance of a breach in Unit 1 reactor building containment integrity discovered by an NRC Region II inspector on March 23, 1982.

The findings from this special inspection indicated that two Technical Specification Limiting Conditions for Operations had been exceeded during the interval from July 1981 to March 1982. These findings were discussed in detail with plant management on April 2, 1982. In addition, an Enforcement Conference was held in the Region II office on May 21, 1982 in which NRC's overall safety concerns relating to this event were discussed. At this meeting it was stated that the immediate cause of these violations was a failure to follow surveillance test procedures.

After consultation with the Director of the Office of Inspection and Enforcement, I have been authorized to issue the enclosed Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of Forty-four Thousand Dollars. We propose to impose this civil penalty in order to emphasize the need for Duke Power Company to ensure that procedures affecting safe operation of the nuclear plant are meticulously followed and their completions appropriately verified. The base penalty of Forty Thousand Dollars has been increased by Four Thousand Dollars to Forty-four Thousand Dollars to reflect the significance of the violation with respect to its duration.

In preparing your required response, you should follow the instructions specified in the Notice which is enclosed with this letter. We note in your Licensee Event Report (RO-269/82-08) that you have already taken several corrective actions. Your required response should include, as a minimum, a complete description of

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actions taken to ensure that procedures affecting safety-related systems have appropriate signoffs and verifications to preclude future violations of this nature. Your reply and the results of future inspections will be considered in determining whether further enforcement action is appropriate.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosure are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Sincerely,

/s/

James P. O'Reilly
Regional Administrator

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