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Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant - Unit 2
Pipe Class of Hardened Vent

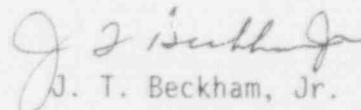
Gentlemen:

By letter dated December 11, 1992, Georgia Power Company (GPC) provided notification of completion of the hardened vent installation for Plant Hatch Unit 2 in accordance with the recommendations of Generic Letter 89-16, "Installation of a Hardened Wetwell Vent."

By letter dated April 16, 1992, GPC documented a verbal agreement with NRC/NRR staff personnel concerning the acceptability of changing the pipe class of the Unit 2 standby gas treatment system from ASME Class II to ASME Class III. This would have allowed the hardened vent to also be installed as ASME Class III and would have removed the requirement for radiography of the associated pipe welds. During later conversations between GPC and NRC, it was determined that changing the pipe class of this system was not permissible. This letter provides confirmation that the design, procurement, installation, and inspection of the Plant Hatch Unit 2 hardened vent were performed in accordance with the requirements of ASME Section III, Class II.

Please contact this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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