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Georgia Power Company  
ATTN: Mr. R. J. Kelly  
Executive Vice President  
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Atlanta, GA 30302

Gentlemen:

Subject: Report Nos. 50-321/82-19 and 50-366/82-19

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. R. F. Rogers of this office on April 21 through May 25, 1982, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License Nos. DPR-57 and NPF-5 for the Hatch facility. Our preliminary findings were discussed with the Plant Manager at the conclusion of the inspection. NRC concerns regarding the findings were discussed on July 13, 1982 at the Hatch facility between Region II management and Georgia Power Company officials. This meeting was followed, on July 26, 1982, by an Enforcement Conference at our office.

Areas examined during the inspection and our findings are discussed in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

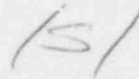
During the inspection, it was found that certain activities under your license appeared to violate NRC requirements. This item and references to pertinent requirements are shown in the Notice of Violation enclosed herewith as Appendix A. Elements to be included in your response are delineated in Appendix A. Specifically, your response should inform us of your plan to ensure that, in the future, conjunctive procedures affecting core configuration do not result in violation of Technical Specifications. Your response should also describe steps you have taken or propose to take to ensure that a Senior Reactor Operator who is assigned to supervise refueling is cognizant of applicable Technical Specifications and procedures.

The violation described in the Notice of Violation is classified as a Severity Level IV violation after careful consideration of the factors involved in this specific instance. In this case we considered proposing a civil penalty. However, because additional administrative controls and equipment interlocks precluded an accidental criticality and because the violation was immediately corrected when recognized, we have not proposed a penalty. Nevertheless, we are concerned about this matter. Fuel handling operations require meticulous attention to detail. Future instances of questionable performance during fuel handling operations may result in escalated enforcement action.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosures 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.

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

Sincerely,



James P. O'Reilly  
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

- 1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
- 2. Inspection Report Nos. 50-321/82-19  
and 50-366/82-19

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