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South Carolina Electric and Gas Company
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Report No. 5J-395/82-46

A special inspection was conducted by Mr. B. L. Hall of this office on August 25-26, 1982, at your V. C. Summer Nuclear Station. The purpose of this inspection was to verify, observe and evaluate your corrective actions regarding a breach of a physical security barrier in a vital area reported telephonically to the NRC by the V. C. Summer Nuclear Station on August 13, 1982.

The findings of this special inspection, which are documented in the enclosed report, indicated that the security breach resulted from a violation of regulatory requirements. These findings were discussed in detail with Mr. O. S. Bradham, Station Manager, on September 2, 1982.

Failure to provide positive access control to a vital area is normally categorized as a Severity Level III Violation (10 CFR 2, Appendix C, Supplement III). However, after careful evaluation of the circumstances surrounding this breach of a physical security barrier, including the specific location of the breach, and the firewatch stationed directly below the breach prior to its discovery, we have concluded that the violation is appropriately categorized as a Severity Level IV.

Notwithstanding the above conclusion, we believe this matter deserves special management attention to assure that a physical barrier survey is conducted in vital areas identified on pages 5-1 and 5-2 of your approved Physical Security Plan. Accordingly, in preparing your required response, you should include a description of preventive measures derived from an evaluation of the underlying causes of this event. Your reply and the results of future inspections will be considered in determining whether further enforcement action is appropriate.

The material enclosed herewith contains Safeguards Information as defined by 10 CFR 73.21 and its disclosure to unauthorized individuals is prohibited by Section 147 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1955, as amended. Therefore, the material will not be placed in the Public Document Room.

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Sincerely,

James P. O'Reilly
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

- Appendix A, Notice of Violation
(Safeguards Information)
- Inspection Report No. 50-395/82-46
(Safeguards Information)

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- A. A. Smith, Site QA Coordinator
- O. S. Bradham, Station Manager
- J. P. Harrison, Manager, Nuclear Security
- C. A. Price, Manager, Nuclear Engineering

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