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Gentlemen:

VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT
RESPONSE TO SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF
LICENSEE PERFORMANCE

Georgia Power Company (GPC) has reviewed the information presented in the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) report transmitted by your letter dated December 10, 1990, and at the meeting held between GPC and the NRC at the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant on December 18, 1990.

We appreciate the constructive comments made in the SALP evaluation, as well as your recognition of GPC's efforts to improve our performance. We take the SALP board recommendations seriously and will use this information in our continuing efforts to improve.

Georgia Power Company provides the following comments on the NRC's evaluation as stated in the SALP.

1. Page 5, second paragraph:

The discussion of the dropped rod incident is not entirely accurate. Reactor engineering was present in the control room as well as a Westinghouse advisor and a representative from the Corporate Office Nuclear Fuels group. Therefore, adequate technical input from organizations other than operations was utilized throughout the recovery process.

2. Page 13 and 27, third paragraph and second paragraph, respectively:

Unit 1 tripped when maintenance workers inadvertently shut off control air to a main feedwater regulating valve (MFRV) as opposed to a main steam isolation valve (MSIV). See LER 50-424/1990-011

3. Page 20, second paragraph:

GPC disagrees that the condition identified violates containment integrity. It is our judgement that containment integrity was maintained during this surveillance and opening these valves to perform channel calibration of the H₂ analyzer does not render the valve inoperable, therefore, the action requirements of Technical Specification 3.6.3 do not apply.

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4. Page 20, fourth paragraph:

The last sentence states:

"The simulator was on schedule for certification in late 1990."

The certification of the simulator is currently projected for February 1991.

Should you have any questions, please inquire.

Sincerely,


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