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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-285/90-44)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Dr. D. Blair Spitzberg of this office and other accompanying personnel during the period November 27-30, 1990. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Fort Calhoun facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report. A subsequent telephone conference was held on December 4, 1990, with members of your staff to discuss these findings.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the NRC team. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation. We are concerned about the violation, because it indicates that actions taken to correct weaknesses and deficiencies associated with the performance of your technical support center (TSC) staff during previous emergency exercises have not resulted in these weaknesses being corrected. As a result, we observed during the 1990 exercise that problems still exist with the capabilities of your TSC staff to adequately perform many of the functions and responsibilities assigned to this facility in response to an emergency.

In addition to the violation, the enclosed report identifies four exercise weaknesses in your response to a simulated emergency. A fifth weakness involved the performance of your TSC staff, and because it was a repeat from previous exercises, it has been included in the violation referenced above.

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The other four weaknesses involved: untimely response to a fire threatening safety systems, plant access control during an emergency, information flow from the control room, and problems with the exercise scenario. Exercise weaknesses, according to 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E.IV.F.5, are inspection findings that need to be corrected.

We have also examined actions you have taken with regard to previously identified inspection findings. The status of these items is identified in paragraph 2 of the enclosed report.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements. In addition to your response to the violation, you are requested to provide a description of your corrective measures for the exercise weaknesses and your schedule for completing these measures.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The response directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

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

Sincerely,

*D. Chamberlain for*

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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report  
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cc w/enclosures: (see next page)

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