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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-285/94-06

This refers to the special inspection conducted by Ms. L. J. Smith, and the other inspectors identified in the attached report, on January 24-28, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Fort Calhoun Station facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records and interviews with personnel. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

Based on the results of this inspection, seven apparent violations were identified and are being considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy), 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for these inspection findings. Please be advised that the number and characterization of apparent violations described in the enclosed inspection report may change as a result of further NRC review.

Four apparent violations involve the failure to establish, implement, and maintain procedures, as required by Technical Specification 5.8.1. As a result of these violations, an inadvertent dilution occurred, two auxiliary feedwater pumps were rendered inoperable during testing, and the control room ventilation system was not appropriately placed in the recirculation mode when two toxic gas monitors were determined to be inoperable. The simultaneous inoperability of two auxiliary feedwater pumps is an apparent violation of Technical Specification 2.5(1). The failure to place both trains of control room ventilation in recirculation is an apparent violation of Technical

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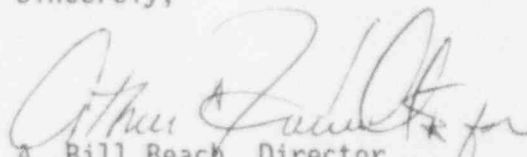
Specification 2.22. The withdrawal of two control element assemblies while containment integrity was not established is an apparent violation of Technical Specification 2.6(1)d. Although a number of these apparent violations stem from procedural weaknesses and inadequacies, we note that they could have been prevented if licensed operators had performed their duties with the requisite level of attention to licensed activities.

An enforcement conference to discuss these apparent violations has been scheduled for February 25, 1994, at 9 a.m. The decision to hold an enforcement conference does not indicate that the NRC has determined that a violation has occurred or that enforcement action will be taken. The purposes of this conference are to discuss the apparent violations, their causes and safety significance; to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report; and to provide an opportunity for you to present your proposed corrective actions. In addition, this is an opportunity for you to provide any information concerning your perspective on: (1) the severity of the issue, (2) the application of the factors that the NRC considers when it determines the amount of a civil penalty that may be assessed in accordance with Section VI.B.2 of the Enforcement Policy, and (3) the possible basis for exercising discretion in accordance with Section VII of the Enforcement Policy. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter. No response regarding these apparent violations is required at this time.

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's Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,


A. Bill Beach, Director
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Enclosure:
Appendix - NRC Inspection Report
50-285/94-06 w/attachment

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