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Docket Nos. 50-424, 50-425
License Nos. NPF-68, NPF-81
EA 94-87

Georgia Power Company
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-424/94-15 AND 50-425/94-15

This refers to the inspection conducted by R. Starkey of this office on April 24 - May 12, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Vogtle facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report (Enclosure 1).

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

Based on the results of this inspection, one apparent violation was identified and is 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. The apparent violation concerned the extended operation of Unit 1 with a degraded piping penetration ventilation system. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for these inspection findings. In addition, please be advised that the characterization of the apparent violation described in the enclosed inspection report may change as a result of further NRC review.

An enforcement conference to discuss this apparent violation has been scheduled for June 2, 1994. This enforcement conference will be open to public observation in accordance with the Commission's trial program as discussed in the enclosed *Federal Register* notice (Enclosure 2). The decision to hold an enforcement conference does not mean 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 violation, its cause 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 action(s). In addition, this is an opportunity for you to

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provide any information concerning your perspectives on 1) the severity of the violation(s), 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) any other application of the Enforcement Policy to this case, including the exercise of discretion in accordance with Section VII. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter. No response regarding this apparent violation 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 enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
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Enclosure:

1. NRC Inspection Report
2. Federal Register Notice

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