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February 9, 1983

Duke Power Company
ATTN: Mr. H. B. Tucker, Vice President
Nuclear Production Department
422 South Church Street
Charlotte, NC 28242

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: REPORT NOS. 50-269/82-43, 50-270/82-43, AND 50-287/82-43

This refers to the special, safety inspection conducted by Mr. T. R. Collins of this office on December 1, 1982, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47 and DPR-55 for the Oconee Nuclear Station. Our preliminary findings were discussed with Mr. J. Norman Pope, Superintendent of Operations, at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection was an examination of the activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

During the inspection, it was found that certain activities under your license appear to violate NRC requirements. This item and references to pertinent requirements are listed in the Notice of Violation enclosed herewith as Appendix A. Elements to be included in your response are delineated in Appendix A.

In accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR 2, Appendix C), we have categorized the violation presented in Appendix A as a Severity Level IV violation. We also recognize that the Duke Power Company was cited for this violation by the State of South Carolina. We are concerned about the failure of your program to ensure that vehicles are meticulously surveyed before leaving the plant. Please give this matter your particular attention in your response to this letter.

These concerns were also expressed in an enforcement conference held on January 7, 1983, at our Region II (Atlanta) office. During the conference you were informed of the enforcement actions available to us with regards to this event. We recognize and appreciate your cooperation in initiating improvements in your radiation protection program in advance of issuance of our formal report. We will continue unannounced inspections of your licensed activities. The results of these inspections, including the implementation of those actions you have taken and plan to take as addressed in the enforcement conference, will be considered in determining whether further enforcement action is appropriate.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room unless you notify this office, by telephone, within ten days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within thirty days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1).

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosures are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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

Sincerely,

(Original signed by RDMartin for)

James P. O'Reilly
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report Nos. 50-269/82-43, 50-270/82-43 and 50-287/82-43

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