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REFERENCE:
I&E: RCD
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I&E Bulletin
84-01

ATTENTION: Mr. James P. O'Reilly

GENTLEMEN:

Georgia Power Company provides the following response to I&E Bulletin 84-01, concerning inspection for cracks in the Mark I containment torus vent header:

The reference Bulletin was issued as a result of the discovery of cracking in the containment vent header at Hatch Unit 2. At the time of discovery, the unit was in a cold shutdown condition for refueling and modifications. On February 3, 1984, GPC decided to shut down Hatch Unit 1 for inspection of the vent header. Therefore, the provisions of the Bulletin, which applied to units already in cold shutdown, were addressed for both Hatch units.

The Bulletin required inspection of the entire vent header and the main vents in the region near the intersection with the vent header. On Unit 1, three visual inspections of these areas were performed. The first inspection was conducted from a catwalk covering a line of view of 170 degrees from top center and down on the outboard side of the vent header. The second inspection was conducted from an inflatable raft providing a line of view covering the remaining 190 degrees from top center and down on the inboard side. Thus the entire circumference of the vent header was inspected. The third inspection was conducted in the interior of the vent header. No apparent cracking or relevant indications were found.

On Unit 2, the torus had been drained for painting during the outage. A complete walkdown inspection was performed of the areas required by the Bulletin. No additional cracking or relevant indications were found beyond the original cracking which prompted issuance of the Bulletin.

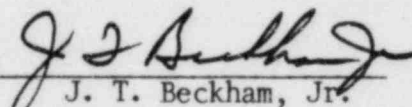
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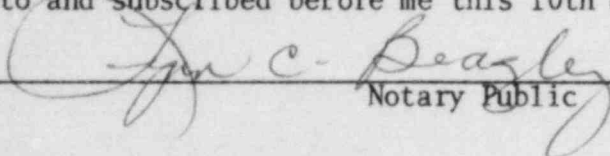
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J. T. Beckham, Jr. states that he is Vice President of Georgia Power Company and is authorized to execute this oath on behalf of Georgia Power Company, and that to the best of his knowledge and belief the facts set forth in this letter are true.

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By: 
J. T. Beckham, Jr.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of February, 1984.


Notary Public

Notary Public, Georgia, State at Large
My Commission Expires July 26, 1985

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