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License Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47, DPR-55, SNM-250

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-269/91-30, 50-270/91-30 AND 50-287/91-30)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. P. E. Harmon of this office on September 29 - November 2, 1991. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Oconee facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed inspection 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, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violation is of concern because it involves a failure to take prompt corrective actions to resolve a potential operability concern associated with the high pressure injection system that had been operated outside its design basis since initial power operation.

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 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 responses 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.

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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