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Docket Nos. 50-424, 50-425
License Nos. NPF-68, NPF-81
EA 92-041

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-424/92-02 AND 50-425/92-02

This refers to the inspection conducted by B. Bonser of this office on January 26 - February 22, 1992. 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.

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 of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements. On January 28, 1992, two Instrumentation and Control technicians performed a surveillance on reactor trip system instrumentation. Your staff reported to the NRC that the technicians failed to properly follow the surveillance procedure and subsequently created the data that was entered on the calibration data sheet. Willful violations such as this apparent falsification are of great concern to the NRC because the safe operation of nuclear facilities depends on the integrity, as well as the ability, of the individuals who operate and maintain them. Accordingly, a Notice of Violation is not being issued at this time and a response is not required. However, please be advised that evaluation of this matter is continuing and that the number and characterization of the apparent violation described in the enclosed Inspection Report may change as a result of further review. You will be advised of the results of our deliberations on this matter in separate correspondence.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely

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