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Dear Mr. Beck:

SUBJECT: "ERGENCY TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGE FOR FUEL LOADING WITHOUT PLACED CONTROL RODS INSERTED, PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 1 TAC NO. M82155)

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 168 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-56 for the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Unit No. 3. This amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications (TSs) in response to your application dated November 21, 1991. It was prepared and issued on an emergency basis to avoid a prolonged outage due to the cleaning activities associated with the fuel assemblies and the reactor bottom head drain.

This amendment provides for a limited period, to 'oading of fuel into the reactor core without having all control rods fully inserted provided that certain compensatory actions are performed. The amendment is effective until the tensioning of the reactor vessel head bolts for the Unit 3 Cycle 8 refueling outage.

The staff reviewed your reque ... concluded that you provided a sufficient basis for finding that the situ on could not have been avoided by prior application. Therefore, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91(a)(5), a valid emergency existed.

On November 25, 1991, the staff granted a Temporary Waiver of Compliance which was effective immediately and remained in effect until the proposed license amendment was issued.

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Sincerely,

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