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Strut Channel Installation Discrepancies; Letter GN-299, dated

12/27/83.

Attention: Mr. James P. O'Reilly

Gentlemen:

In the letter referenced above, Georgia Power Company indicated that a completion schedule for the evaluation of this concern would be submitted to the NRC by May 13, 1984. This interim report provides the completion schedule as well as the status of the evaluation.

To evaluate the strut nut installation discrepancies in existing installations, random samples from the total population of installed cable tray supports with eight bolt connections were selected on a statistical basis. Pecially trained Quality Control inspectors using a fiber optic scope then examined each selected installation to determine the angle of skew of the spring-loaded nut to the in-turned edge of the channel.

To correlate the inspection results with the load carrying capacity of the installations, test data was obtained from the manufacturers of the strut channel on load capacity of connections in which only partial engagement between the nut grooves and the edge of the strut channel is provided. The evaluation of the inspection results is expected to be completed by June 29, 1984. Georgia Power Company expects to submit a final report to the NRC concerning the reportability of this concern by July 20, 1984.

To prevent recurrence of the subject installation discrepancies, the construction specification and field procedure addressing raceway system installations have been revised to specifically address the requirements for proper engagement of the strut nut grooves with the in-turned edges of the strut channel.

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Yours truly,

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