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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY WAIVER OF COMPLIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION 2.6(1)A

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The request for a TWOC was initially granted by me verbally on January 30, 1992, at 8:54 am, with the concurrence of NRC's Region IV office. The waiver will allow FCS to enter the PAL, for a period not to exceed 24 hours, with the plant operating, to repair the inner PAL door seals. This verbal request and the subsequent granting of the waiver were required to enable Fort Calhoun to enter containment in preparation for plant shutdown.

NRR performed an evaluation based on the information provided verbally and on the subsequent written request and supporting documentation and found your request for a TWOC acceptable. Your letter indicated that the outer PAL door would be open for short periods and that during the time that it is open there will be no significant hazard or reversible environmental consequences. This TWOC shall be valid through 0800 hours on February 1, 1992.

If your understanding of this matter differs from that expressed above or you have any questions regarding this action, please contact me at (301) 504-1353 or Steven Bloom at (301) 504-1313.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Martin J. Virgilio, Assistant Director
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