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Duke Power Company
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-269/91-34, 50-270/91-34 AND
50-287/91-34)

This refers to the inspection conducted by P. E. Harmon during the period November 23 - December 21, 1991, at 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 appear to violate NRC requirements as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violations are of concern because they involve a failure in the quality assurance process that resulted in the failure of a compression fitting and a consequent loss of coolant accident. A failure to follow procedure during the subsequent unit shutdown resulting in an advertent reactor protection system actuation indicates continuing problems in the area of following procedures.

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(a) 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 its enclosures 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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