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Director, Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Mr. S. A. Varga

Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant - Units 1 and 2
Response to Generic Letter 83-28

Gentlemen:

In letter dated November 4, 1983, Alabama Power Company submitted its response to Generic Letter 83-28 regarding the NRC position on the Salem anticipated transient without scram (ATWS) events. The November 4, 1983 letter contained a preliminary response to Section 2.2.2 of Generic Letter 83-28 and committed to a final response 90 days after issuance of the Nuclear Utility Task Action Committee report on Section 2.2.2. Attached is Alabama Power Company's final response to Section 2.2.2 of Generic Letter 83-28.

If you have any questions, please advise.

Yours truly,

R. P. McDonald

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cc: Mr. L. B. Long
Mr. J. P. O'Reilly
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Mr. W. H. Bradford

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Alabama Power Company Response to Generic Letter 83-28, Section 2.2.2

Alabama Power Company (APCo), as a member of the Nuclear Utility Task Action Committee (NUTAC) on Generic Letter 83-28, Section 2.2.2, will follow the guidelines issued by the NUTAC final report on Section 2.2.2 of Generic Letter 83-28 dated March 1984 and titled "Vendor Equipment Technical Information Program (VETIP)." The VETIP, which is comprised of two basic elements, the Nuclear Plant Reliability Data System (NPRDS) and the Significant Event Evaluation and Information Network (SEE-IN) programs, is designed to ensure that vendor equipment problems are recognized, evaluated and corrective actions taken. This program is a more efficient and realistic approach to the vendor information problem than could be achieved through direct vendor/utility interactions. A vendor contact program was established with Westinghouse Electric Corporation, the NSSS supplier for Farley Nuclear Plant (FNP), in October 1983 and is presently functioning. In addition, contact programs have been established by APCo with Colt Industries, the FNP diesel generators vendor, and with General Electric Corporation. These programs consist of a receipt acknowledgement for all technical information issued by these vendors. In addition, each of these three vendors plan to issue to APCo an annual cumulative listing of all technical information which has been issued by each of them. This will allow APCo to ensure that information applicable to FNP has been received and implemented as appropriate. These efforts, coupled with APCo's standard procedure for review of other vendor bulletins, will allow timely review and implementation of corrective actions of vendor identified problems.

The FNP VETIP is structured around the NPRDS and SEE-IN programs as outlined by the NUTAC report. Through participation in the NPRDS program, APCo submits engineering information, failure reports and operating history related to FNP for review under the SEE-IN program. Through the SEE-IN program, the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) screens nuclear plant events which have been reported through NPRDS, Nuclear Network, NRC reports, IEBS, IENS, etc. Based on the significance of the event, determined by the screening process, INPO issues a report to all utilities outlining the cause(s) of the problem(s) and recommends practical corrective action(s). These reports are issued in the form of Significant Event Reports (SERs) or Significant Operating Experience Reports (SOERs) and Operations and Maintenance Reminders (O&MRs). Upon receipt of SERs, SOERs or O&MRs an evaluation is performed and documented to determine applicability to FNP and corrective actions taken as appropriate.

In addition to the above reviews, APCo procedures will provide for a review of other technical information issued in the form of FNP Incident Reports, NRC Circulars and Notices, FNP Licensee Event Reports, Generic Letters and Westinghouse Owners Group Correspondence. Review of this information, coupled with the VETIP program, provides APCo assurance that identified vendor equipment problems will be handled in an efficient manner and that proper corrective actions will be taken as applicable.

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APCo procedures are being reviewed and revised as necessary to assure the program described by the NUTAC final report is properly controlled and implemented. Required procedure revisions will be completed by September 30, 1984. Review and evaluation of NSSS technical bulletins, Colt technical bulletins, General Electric technical bulletins, SERs, SOERs, and other vendor technical information is currently being performed and documented in accordance with NUTAC guidelines.