

February 14, 1996

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ATTN: Mr. Oliver D. Kingsley, Jr.  
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-327/95-18, 50-328/95-18

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

NRC Inspection Report 50-327,328/95-18, issued October 2, 1995, documented a violation at the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant where prompt corrective action was not implemented for a condition adverse to quality. The condition was associated with accelerated degradation of Emergency Core Cooling System throttle valves during accident scenarios. In your response of October 31, 1995, you denied that a violation occurred as stated. The NRC is continuing to evaluate your response to the violation. However, during a February 8, 1996, telephone call with the NRC staff, your staff indicated that additional actions were planned to resolve the condition, which were not discussed in your initial response to the violation. Your staff additionally stated that the problem with the throttle valves was not considered to be a condition adverse to quality.

Please provide a written response with your intended corrective actions to resolve this condition, a schedule by which these actions will be completed, and the basis for your staff's conclusion that the potential for the throttle valves to erode is not a condition adverse to quality. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Scott Sparks at (404) 331-5619.

Sincerely,

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