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Containment Pipe Rack Welds

Attention: Mr. James P. O'Reilly

On July 20, 1984, Mr. C. W. Hayes, Vogtle Project Quality Assurance Manager, notified Mr. John Rogge and Vince Panciera of the USNRC Region II of a potential deficiency concerning containment pipe rack welds.

The containment pipe racks are used in certain areas to support piping systems. These racks are used where other types of pipe supports are not feasible due to the size and numbers of pipe systems in a relatively small area. A failure of a pipe rack would leave safety-related and other piping systems in an unsupported condition.

At this time, a small number of pipe rack welds (10 out of approximately 1200) have been observed to contain cracks. These welds are being evaluated to determine the implications on plant safety. Georgia Power Company expects to inform the NRC of the results of this evaluation by October 24, 1984.

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Yours truly,

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