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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Mr. John F. Stolz, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 4
Division of Licensing
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

NRC DOCKET 50-321
OPERATING LICENSE DPR-57
EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 1
1984 REFUELING OUTAGE INSPECTION PROGRAM APPROVAL

Gentlemen:

By letter dated May 31, 1984, Georgia Power Company (GPC) submitted for your review and approval its inspection plans for the recirculation and other reactor coolant boundary stainless steel piping systems at Hatch Unit 1 during its 1984 maintenance/refueling outage. The subject letter was submitted pursuant to the requirements of your February 11, 1983 letter requiring GPC to submit its plans for modification or inspection three (3) months prior to the start of the outage. Our May 31 submittal also provided our justification for the adequacy of weld overlays for a second cycle of operation. To date, GPC has not received any notification of approval of our inspection plans nor have we received any notification regarding the issuance of a safety evaluation report (SER) allowing use of the weld overlays for a second cycle of operation.

Please advise us of the status of the approval of our inspection plans and issuance of an SER for a second cycle of operation with weld overlays. GPC wishes to advise NRC that the Hatch Unit 1 maintenance/refueling outage is tentatively scheduled to begin on or about September 29, 1984. Any questions that NRC may have regarding the proposed inspection program and justification for continued use of the weld overlays should be brought to our immediate attention. The staffs of GPC and its consultants are available for additional discussion should NRC so desire.

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Should you have any questions in this regard, please contact this office.

Sincerely yours,

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