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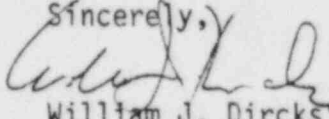
SUBJECT: PILOT OPERATIONAL READINESS REVIEW PROGRAM - VOGTLE UNIT 1

Thank you for your letter of October 3, 1984 to Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator of Region II, regarding Georgia Power Company's plans to conduct a Pilot Operational Readiness Review Program at Vogtle Unit 1. I appreciate your initiative in proposing and planning such a detailed program to assess Georgia Power Company's compliance with NRC requirements and your commitments to NRC, and to assess your readiness to operate Vogtle Unit 1. This program will potentially provide NRC the opportunity to review Vogtle Unit 1 activities in a more structured and timely manner leading to improvements in our inspection and licensing efforts. It also provides the potential for significantly strengthening the bases for timely NRC decisions on issuance of an operating license.

In your letter to Mr. O'Reilly, you requested that NRC agree to participate in the pilot readiness review program. We have reviewed your proposal and conclude that the assurance of public health and safety would be improved through NRC participation. NRC participation will require Region II and the Offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Inspection and Enforcement to commit additional resources to support the pilot program. We are presently examining our resources and budget to determine how NRC can best participate and support the readiness review.

I will be advising you in the near future of how NRC will participate and audit the Georgia Power Company's readiness review program activities. Mr. J. P. O'Reilly, Region II, should continue to be your principal NRC contact on this pilot program. Your normal and routine contacts with the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation in matters associated with the licensing process or with the Office of Inspection and Enforcement in matters associated with inspection or enforcement should not be affected by NRC participation in the pilot program.

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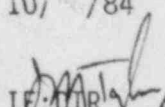
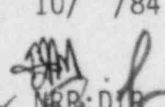
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