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Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant CRD/Scram Solenoid Pilot Valves With Viton Internals

Gentlemen:

On February 16, 1996, the BWROG provided guidance related to testing of dual-type ASCO Scram Solenoid Pilot Valves (SSPVs) with Viton internals and testing of the Alternate Rod Insertion (ARI) system.

Georgia Power Company (GPC) has implemented the guidance related to the testing of both the SSPVs and ARI system at Plant Hatch. Specifically, the 120-day test includes a representative sample of Viton SSPV control rods and Buna-N SSPV control rods. A reference sample of Viton SSPVs, consisting of 5 rods, will be tested on a 60-day surveillance cycle. The 60-day surveillances will be performed until sufficient information is obtained.

Georgia Power Company intends to become a member of the BWROG committee addressing the Viton SSPV issue. Data gathered from both the representative and reference samples will be sent to the committee and evaluated against industry and plant-specific data. Once adequate data are available, the committee will provide the utilities additional recommendations related to Viton SSPV performance.

Georgia Power Company will test the ARI system to assure proper function. This testing will be performed once a refueling cycle.

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

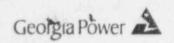
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