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**Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287
Licensee Event Report 269/96-06**

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.73 Sections (a) (1) and (d), attached is Licensee Event Report, 269/96-06, concerning the technical inoperability of the filtered ventilation systems.

This report is being submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.73 (a) (2) (v) (D). This event is considered to be of no significance with respect to the health and safety of the public.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. W. Hampton".

J. W. Hampton, Vice President
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LICENSEE EVENT REPORT (LER)

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ESTIMATED BURDEN PER RESPONSE TO COMPLY WITH THIS MANDATORY INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST: 50.0 HRS. REPORTED LESSONS LEARNED ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE LICENSING PROCESS AND FED BACK TO INDUSTRY. FORWARD COMMENTS REGARDING BURDEN ESTIMATE TO THE INFORMATION AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT BRANCH (T-6 F33), U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, DC 20555-0001, AND TO THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION PROJECT (3150-0104), OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, WASHINGTON, DC 20503.

FACILITY NAME (1)	DOCKET NUMBER (2)	PAGE (3)
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TITLE (4)
Inadequate Change Management Results In Technical Inoperability Of Filtered Ventilation Systems

EVENT DATE (5)			LER NUMBER (6)			REPORT DATE (7)			OTHER FACILITIES INVOLVED (8)	
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	YEAR	SEQUENTIAL NUMBER	REVISION NUMBER	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	FACILITY NAME	DOCKET NUMBER
04	02	96	96	06	00	04	24	96	Oconee, Unit Two	05000 270
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OPERATING MODE (9)	N	THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR §: (Check one or more) (11)								
POWER LEVEL (10)	100	20.2201(b)	20.2203(a)(2)(v)	50.73(a)(2)(i)	50.73(a)(2)(viii)					
		20.2203(a)(1)	20.2203(a)(3)(i)	50.73(a)(2)(ii)	50.73(a)(2)(x)					
		20.2203(a)(2)(ii)	20.2203(a)(3)(iii)	50.73(a)(2)(iii)	73.71					
		20.2203(a)(2)(iii)	50.36(c)(1)	X 50.73(a)(2)(v) (D)	Specify in Abstract below or in NRC Form 366A					
		20.2203(a)(2)(iv)	50.36(c)(2)	50.73(a)(2)(vii)						

LICENSEE CONTACT FOR THIS LER (12)

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COMPLETE ONE LINE FOR EACH COMPONENT FAILURE DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT (13)

CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS	CAUSE	SYSTEM	COMPONENT	MANUFACTURER	REPORTABLE TO NPRDS

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT EXPECTED (14)				EXPECTED SUBMISSION		
YES (If yes, complete EXPECTED SUBMISSION DATE).	NO		X	MONTH	DAY	YEAR

ABSTRACT (Limit to 1400 spaces, i.e., approximately 15 single-spaced typewritten lines) (16)

In response to a Nuclear Network item, Oconee began a review on April 1, 1996, to determine if periodic test procedures used the test standard specified in Technical Specifications (TS) for laboratory testing of carbon ventilation filters [EIIS:FLT]. At 1215 hours, on April 2, 1996, with Units 1 and 3 at 100% Full Power and Unit 2 in a refueling shutdown, management concluded that filters for the Penetration Room [EIIS:VC] and Spent Fuel Pool Filtered [EIIS:VG] Ventilation Systems had not been tested in exact accordance with TS requirements. TS specifies testing carbon iodine removal efficiency at 130 degrees C, 95% Relative Humidity (RH) per ANSI N510-1975, which references RDT M 16-1T, October, 1973. In 1992, procedures were revised to require lab tests by a newer standard (ASTM D3803-1989) at 30 degrees C, 95% RH. At that time, Regulatory Compliance personnel concluded that the new standard could be used without a TS change because this test was more conservative than the old test. The root cause of this event was Inadequate Change Management, (personnel did not recognize the need for change). The corrective action was to obtain a TS change, on April 2, 1996, to allow use of the newer standard. This event is not recurring and had no personnel injuries, exposures, releases, or NPRDS failures. Functional operability of the filters was not in question; therefore this event had no safety impact.