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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-285/97-15 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Gambhir:

An NRC inspection was conducted June 15 through August 2, 1997, at your Fort Calhoun Station reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

During the 7-week period covered by this inspection, your conduct of activities at the Fort Calhoun Station was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations, sound engineering and maintenance practices, and careful radiological work controls. However, two violations of NRC requirements were identified. The first violation involved two instances of ineffective corrective action. The inspectors identified that prior corrective action taken to ensure that deficiency stickers were removed from control room panels following maintenance was not effective. The inspectors also determined that prior corrective action taken to ensure that plant valves were not damaged as a result of overtorquing was not effective. In the second violation, the inspectors identified that a fire impairment was not completed nor was a compensatory fire watch established prior to blocking the fire sprinklers in the diesel generator room.

These violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding the violations are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

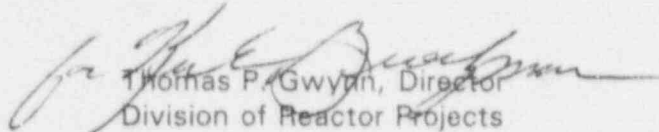
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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,


Thomas P. Gwynn, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report
50-285/97-15

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