Docket No. 50-424 License No. NPF-61

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Georgia Power Company ATTN: Mr. James P. O'Reilly Senior Vice President-Nuclear Operations P. O. Box 4545 Atlanta, GA 30302

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-424/87-71

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted by G. R. Wiseman on December 8-11, 1987. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Vogtle facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed inspection report.

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Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

The inspection findings indicate that certain activities appeared to violate NRC requirements. The violations described in the enclosed Inspection Report are under consideration for escalated enforcement action. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is being issued at this time, and no response to this letter is required. However, please be advised that the number and characterization of violations described in the enclosed Inspection Report may change as a result of further NRC review. An Enforcement Conference to discuss these violations is scheduled for February 10, 1988. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter.

We are concerned about implementation of the plant fire protection program as it relates to assignment of adequate onshift staff manning to reasonably ensure that alternate remote shutdown could have been achieved concurrent with brigade fire fighting activities under control room fire conditions.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

J. Nelson Grace

Regional Administrator

Enclosure: NRC Inspection Report

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