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Docket Nos: 50-269, 50-270
and 50-287

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Dear Mr. Tucker:

SUBJECT: THE NRC STAFF'S SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT (NUREG-1231) ON THE B&W
OWNERS GROUP PLANT REASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Re: Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3

Enclosed is a copy of our Safety Evaluation Report (SER) and Supplement No. 1 to this report (SSER), NUREG-1231, on the Babcock and Wilcox Owners Group (BWO) plant reassessment program which is contained in BAW-1919, Revision 5, "B&W Owners Group Safety and Performance Improvement Program (SPIP)." With the issuance of Supplement No. 1, the NRC staff evaluation of the BWO plant reassessment program has been completed.

Although the overall evaluation is favorable, we have identified areas where additional improvements could be made. We encourage you to consider incorporating all the applicable staff recommendations during your plant specific implementation of the recommendations approved by the BWO.

As stated in Section 12.4 of the SSER, we believe that at this stage of the program, timely and proper implementation of the Owners Group recommendations is most important. In the SSER, we request that each utility of an operating B&W designed plant provide implementation schedules by June 1, 1988. We intend to meet with you to discuss the details of the scheduler commitments for implementation of recommendations. Once you have submitted your implementation schedules, the Project Manager for Oconee, Ms. Helen N. Pastis, will be in contact with you to arrange this meeting.

As stated in Section 12.2 of the SER and SSER, we intend to audit your program on interpreting and implementing the recommendations at Oconee and to verify the implementation of the recommendations. To assure appropriate scheduling of these audits, we will closely coordinate the schedules with your staff.

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Because of the importance of this program in reducing complex transients and reactor trips at BWR plants, we are requesting your cooperation and assistance in the above efforts. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Pastis at (301) 492-1497.

Sincerely,

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