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Dear Mr. McDonald:

SUBJECT: GENERIC LETTER 88-03 - VOGTLE UNIT 1 AND 2 STEAM BINDING OF
AUXILIARY FEEDWATER PUMPS (TACS 67287/67288)

By letter dated April 28, 1988, you responded to Generic Letter (GL) 88-03, "Resolution of Generic Safety Issue 93, 'Steam Binding of Auxiliary Feedwater Pumps'." For Vogtle Unit 1, you stated that once per shift (12 hours) the suction and discharge piping temperature for the three auxiliary feedwater (AFW) pumps is checked. The check conducted twice a day is less than the three times a day mentioned in GL 88-03; however, it is still 60 times greater than the once a month frequency recommended prior to issuance of IE Bulletin 85-01, "Steam Binding of Auxiliary Feedwater Pumps," and is acceptable to the NRC staff.

You also stated that Vogtle Unit 1 has a procedure that addresses symptoms of AFW steam binding and corrective actions to restore the AFW system to operable status should steam binding occur. The NRC staff finds that this is in accordance with GL 88-03 and is acceptable.

For Vogtle Unit 2, you stated that a program similar to the Vogtle Unit 1 program of piping temperature checks each shift and the procedure containing symptoms of and corrective actions for steam binding of AFW pumps, will be implemented prior to initial criticality. The NRC staff finds that commitment acceptable; however, we would like a confirmation letter when the program is implemented.

Contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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