

October 15, 1998

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. H. L. Sumner, Jr.
Vice President, Hatch Plant
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SUBJECT: HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS

Dear Mr. Sumner:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) recently obtained information regarding industrial safety issues at your Hatch facility. In particular, the information indicated that personnel are unnecessarily working on energized electrical equipment, working on unvented piping containing potentially explosive material, and performing welding or other hot work without appropriate clothing. These issues, if left uncorrected, could affect plant equipment or endanger personnel performing these activities.

We are providing you the above information for your evaluation and action, as you deem appropriate. You are not required to respond to this letter.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Pierce Skinner, Chief, Reactor Projects Branch 2, at (404) 562-4520.

Sincerely,
(Orig signed by P.H. Skinner)
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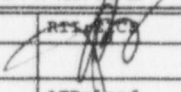
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