

October 15, 1998

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. J. B. Beasley
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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-424/98-07 AND
50-425/98-07 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Beasley:

This refers to the inspection conducted August 16, 1998, through September 26, 1998, at the Vogtle Units 1 and 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the inspection period, your conduct of activities at the Vogtle facility was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations, sound engineering and maintenance practices, and appropriate radiological work controls.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding it are described in detail in the subject inspection report. The violation is of concern because it was identified by the NRC.

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence is already adequately addressed in this inspection report. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter unless the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to provide additional information, you should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice.

During the inspection period, the NRC received a response dated August 18, 1998 to Notice of Violation 50-424, 425/98-05-01. We have evaluated your response and found that it meets the requirements of 10 CFR 2.201. We will examine the implementation of your corrective actions during future inspections.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures, will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely,

(Original signed by
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Docket Nos. 50-424, 50-425
License Nos. NPF-68, NPF-81

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Integrated Inspection Report
50-424/98-07, 50-425/98-07

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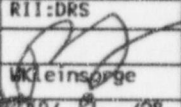
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