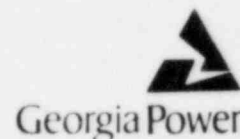


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REFERENCE:  
RII: JNG  
50-321/50-366  
Inspection Report  
86-14

ATTENTION: Dr. J. Nelson Grace

Gentlemen:

In response to Inspection Report Nos. 50-321/86-14 and 50-366/86-14 and the Notice of Violation transmitted to Georgia Power Company by letter dated May 30, 1986, and in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Georgia Power Company submits its response in the attached enclosure. The referenced Inspection Report pertains to the NRC inspection conducted on April 17 and 18, 1986, at the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant located in Baxley, Georgia.

Georgia Power Company's review of the circumstances of the alleged violation indicates that the incident was self identified and that it had relatively minor safeguards significance. As stated in NRC's Enforcement Policy (10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C), the NRC will not generally issue a notice of violation for incidents which meet five "tests," including identification by the licensee, a violation classified as Severity Level IV, and corrective actions taken within a reasonable period of time. Based on our evaluation, it appears that Region II issued the Notice of Violation, believing that the violation could reasonably be expected to have been prevented by corrective actions from a previous violation. Georgia Power differs with this assessment and contends that the five tests are met and that a violation is inappropriate. We respectfully request that this matter be reviewed and that the violation be withdrawn.

Georgia Power Company believes that the configuration of the plant's access control facility complies with the designs approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Further, Georgia Power Company does not believe that the access control facility's configuration was the proximate cause of the event, nor that modifications of the configuration could have significantly reduced the possibility of this event.

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You may recall that Georgia Power Company has undertaken organizational changes and initiated procedural upgrades designed to improve the effectiveness of our Security Program. For example, on April 22, 1986, members of the Region II staff and representatives of the Georgia Power Company met to discuss Security Program improvements which had been under development for nearly 2 months. At that meeting, Georgia Power Company advised that a thorough review and rewrite of the Physical Security Plan (PSP) had been initiated. Specific changes and additions to access control facilities are actively being considered as part of this review. As decisions relating to the PSP and the access control facility are made, the NRC will be promptly and properly notified.

The enclosure to this letter contains safeguards information and should be held from disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(d) and 10 CFR 73.21. Please contact this office if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



L. T. Gucwa

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Enclosure

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