October 20, 1997

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. C. K. McCoy
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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-424/97-09, 50-425/97-09 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. McCoy:

On September 20, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your Vogtle Units 1 and 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the seven-week 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.

However, three violations were identified. The first violation dealt with corrective maintenance performed on a safety-related piece of equipment without a proper work order. The second violation was for a failure of security personnel to conduct a search of materials prior to entry into a vital area. The third violation was in the area of fire protection. We are concerned with the violation concerning fire protection which may indicate a decline in performance in this area.

The violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice), and the circumstances surrounding the violations are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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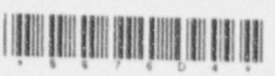

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosures, and any reply will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by Pierce H. Skinner)

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Division of Reactor Projects

Docket Nos. 50-424 and 50-425
License Nos. NPF-68 and NPF-81

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Integrated Inspection Report
   50-424/97-09, 50-425/97-09

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