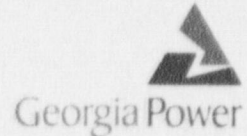


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RESPONSE TO INSPECTION REPORT 87-26

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Georgia Power Company (GPC) is providing the enclosed response to your November 18, 1987 letter, which transmitted the Notice of Violation associated with the inspection conducted on September 26 - October 26, 1987 at Plant Hatch by Messrs. P. Holmes-Ray and J. Menning. A copy of this response is being provided to NRC Region II for review. In the enclosure, transcription of the NRC violation precedes GPC's response.

If you have any questions in this regard, please contact this office at any time.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Transcription of Violation 87-26-01 and GPC Response

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TRANSCRIPTION OF VIOLATION 87-26-01

Technical Specification 6.8.1.a requires the licensee to establish, implement and maintain written procedures covering the applicable activities in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, February 1978. Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, paragraph 1, recommends procedures for equipment control (e.g., locking and tagging).

Licensee procedure 30AC-OPS-001-OS, "Control of Equipment Clearances and Tags", establishes requirements for the control and periodic review of equipment tags. Section 8.13.1 of this procedure requires that Caution Tag Index/Audit Sheets be reviewed monthly.

Contrary to the above, the licensee failed to conduct reviews of the Unit 2 Caution Tag Index/Audit Sheets during the months of May, June and September of 1987.

This is a Severity Level V violation (Supplement I).

RESPONSE TO VIOLATION 87-26-01

Admission or denial of violation:

The events occurred as stated in NRC Notice of Violation 87-26-01.

Reason for the violation:

The violation occurred due to Operations Department supervisory personnel failing to follow procedure 30AC-OPS-001-OS, "Control of Equipment Clearances and Tags". Step 8.13.1 of the above mentioned procedure requires a monthly review to be conducted on all outstanding clearance and caution tags. While the reviews of outstanding clearances were conducted as required, the reviews of caution tags were not performed for the months of May, June and September of 1987.

TRANSCRIPTION OF VIOLATION 87-26-01 AND GPC RESPONSE

A contributing factor to the violation was that prior to October 20, 1987, the computer printout which is used to initiate the performance of the required reviews stated "monthly audit of clearance index and clearances". This apparently led the Operations Department supervisory personnel to the erroneous conclusion that only a review of clearances was required.

Corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved:

The appropriate Operations Department personnel were counselled regarding this item and the consequences of failing to follow procedures.

The computer program which tracks the performance of reviews required by procedure 30AC-OPS-001-OS has been modified such that the printout now clearly indicates that monthly reviews of both clearances and caution tags are required. The data base was also reviewed for any similar inadequacies although none were identified.

All reviews required by 30AC-OPS-001-OS since the violation was identified have been satisfactorily performed.

Corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations:

No further corrective actions are required to prevent recurrence.

Date when full compliance will be achieved:

We are currently in full compliance with the requirements.