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Gentlemen:

Subject: REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION
NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-395/98-02
VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION
DOCKET NO. 50/395
OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-12

Attached is the South Carolina Electric and Gas (SCE&G) response to the Notice of Violation delineated in NRC Inspection Report No. 50-395/98-02. SCE&G is in agreement with the violation and the enclosed response addresses the corrective actions taken to prevent recurrence.

Should you have any questions, please call Mr. Ricky Myers at (803) 345-4384, at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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I. RESTATEMENT OF NRC VIOLATION

Technical Specification 6.8.1, requires, in part, that written procedures shall be established, implemented and maintained for applicable procedures in Appendix A to Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, 1978. Appendix A, paragraph 1.a., specifies procedures for Security and Visitor Control.

Security Plan Procedure-202, "Vehicle Access Requirements," Revision 11, paragraph 5.3.3.A.1.2).c), states that when a security officer conducts a search of a vehicle, the security officer is to ensure that neither the operator nor the accompanying personnel are provided access to any portion of the vehicle until the vehicle search is completed.

Contrary to the above, on March 19, 1998, a security officer failed to ensure that neither the operator nor the accompanying personnel were provided access to any portion of the vehicle until the vehicle search was completed. A searched and cleared individual went from the vehicle access portal search building directly to an unsearched vehicle and began to unload material from the vehicle.

II. REASON FOR THE VIOLATION

This violation resulted from an individual human performance deficiency.

III. CORRECTIVE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND RESULTS ACHIEVED

Security Plan Procedure-202, "Vehicle Access Requirements" has been changed. This change added a requirement for vehicle operators (and accompanying personnel) to remain in the vehicle search holding area until the vehicle search is completed. As an immediate corrective action, this procedure change received temporary approval on March 19, 1998, the day of the event. This procedure change was subsequently made permanent and issued on April 9, 1998.

As an immediate action on March 19, 1998, (the day of the event,) qualification was removed from the security officer involved. Subsequently, the security officer was successfully retested on April 14, 1998 and qualification has been reinstated.

A holding area in the vehicle search area has been established. This is a designated area for vehicle operators and accompanying personnel to wait until the completion of a vehicle search.

Security force personnel have been trained on this event and the Security Plan Procedure change. This training was completed on April 13, 1998.

IV. CORRECTIVE STEPS THAT WILL BE TAKEN TO AVOID FURTHER VIOLATIONS

No additional corrective actions will be taken for this event.

V. DATE WHEN FULL COMPLIANCE WILL BE ACHIEVED

The Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station is currently in full compliance with the requirements of Security Plan Procedure-202.