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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant
Inservice Inspection Relief Request Number RR-36 Units 1 and 2
Response to Request for Additional Information

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) submitted on March 3, 1999, relief requests related to the Farley Unit 1 and Unit 2 Inservice Inspection Programs. This letter responds to a November 1, 1999, Request for Additional Information. The attachment restates the questions and provides the SNC response.

The Farley Nuclear Plant inspection program contains the following requirements:

- Procedural guidelines for accomplishing VT-2 visual examinations
- Maintenance of qualification records for persons performing VT-2 visual examinations
- Requirements for independent review and evaluation of detected leakage by persons other than those that performed the VT-2 visual examination.

The above three items are NRC commitments.

If there are any additional questions, please advise.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INSERVICE INSPECTION RELIEF REQUESTS NOS. I-RR-36 AND II-RR-36 JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

NRC QUESTIONS:

You proposed using Code Case N-546 "Requirements for Qualification of VT-2 Examination Personnel, Section XI, Division 1" in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(ii). Please confirm that you will do the following in order for us to authorize you to use the Code Case:

1. Develop procedural guidelines for obtaining consistent, quality VT-2 visual examinations.
2. Document and maintain records to verify the qualification of persons selected to perform VT-2 visual examinations.
3. Implement independent review and evaluation of detected leakage by persons other than those that performed the VT-2 visual examinations.

SNC RESPONSE:

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