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Gentlemen:

Subject: VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION
DOCKET NO. 50/395
OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-12
IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED 10 CFR 50.59

The effective date for the revised 10 CFR 50.59 rule was established in a December 13, 2000, *Federal Register* notice (65 FR 77773) as March 13, 2001. As discussed in Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2001-03, dated January 23, 2001, the NRC has stated that to permit an orderly transition to the revised rule, licensees may implement the rule later than this date. Although an exemption is not necessary, the RIS suggested that a licensee may want to communicate its implementation plan to the NRC.

Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) recently completed an extended refueling outage including repair of the "A" Loop Hot Leg. In order to complete outage followup activities, there is insufficient time to train personnel in the revised process. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) intends to implement the revised requirements of 10 CFR 50.59 on June 1, 2001. Until that time, we will continue to implement our existing 10 CFR 50.59 review processes.

Should you have any questions, please call Mr. Arnie J. Cribb at (803-345-4346) at your convenience.

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