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REGION II
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March 20, 2001

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.
Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant
ATTN: Mr. Peter H. Wells
Nuclear Plant General Manager
P.O. Box 2010
Baxley, GA 31515

Dear Mr. Wells:

The management and staff in Region II thank you and your staff for aiding Mr. David Thompson on March 6, 2001. Mr. Thompson became ill while on inspection at your facility and was in urgent need of special medical care. Due to the quick and thorough response of your team members, Mr. Thompson received this medical care promptly. It is also noteworthy that your staff accompanied him to the hospital in Baxley, Georgia, and assured that he received the appropriate attention. It was clear to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff at the scene that your team's response was successful due to their training. Their approach to the situation exhibited attentiveness and a drive to provide the appropriate medical care.

Please convey my appreciation to all those who were the "first responders." Their actions contributed significantly to the success in providing the medical treatment needed and most important, to Mr. Thompson's successful recovery.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Luis A. Reyes
Regional Administrator

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