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**ANTI-SIPHON PROTECTION FOR THE SPENT FUEL POOL DRAIN LINE**

Gentlemen:

NRC letter dated October 10, 1996, transmitted a report that discussed spent fuel storage pool concerns that were identified by the NRC. The letter noted that the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant (HBRSEP), Unit No 2 had piping that extends to near the bottom of the spent fuel pool and that lacks passive anti-siphon protection. The letter further stated that the NRC intends to initiate activities to evaluate the potential for a safety enhancement backfit.

As discussed with the NRC Project Manager in late 1996, Carolina Power & Light (CP&L) Company is developing a modification to the spent fuel pool drain line to provide anti-siphon protection. The modification is currently expected to be completed by September 18, 1997.

Questions regarding this matter may be referred to me at (803) 857-1437.

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