

Carolina Power & Light Company

April 22, 1977

Dr. Ernst Volgenau
Director
Office of Inspection & Enforcement
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Dr. Volgenau:

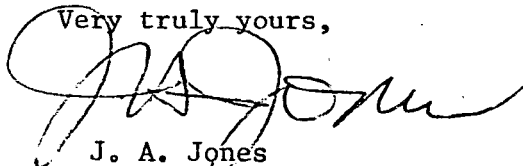
This is in response to your letter of April 6, 1977, requesting that we post a notice to employees informing them of additional methods of reporting concerns to the Office of Inspection & Enforcement. This notice would be in addition to notices we are required to publish under current regulations set forth at 10 CFR Part 19.

While we share your concern about quality, safety and safeguards, our review of the proposed notice indicates that in several important respects it modifies the existing and carefully drawn procedure for notification by workers. Accordingly, we do not believe that it would be advisable for us to post the suggested notice until after the regulations themselves have been formally modified following notice and opportunity for comment pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.

Our position on this matter is dictated in large measure by our belief that 10 CFR - Section 19.16 and Section 19.17 contain important checks and balances which would be waived by our posting the suggested notice during the interim pending possible revision of the existing regulations.

In keeping with the position taken herein, we will look forward to commenting upon and reviewing any proposed regulation regarding the matters addressed in your April 6, 1977, letter when a proposed rule is published for public comment.

Very truly yours,



J. A. Jones
Executive Vice President
Chief Operating Officer

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