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Gentlemen:

On September 2, 1997, the NRC requested additional information related to Violation 97-05-03 (Example 2).

Duke Power submitted its response to this violation on August 18, 1997. This additional information documents the corrective actions that are in place for the Unit 1 Refueling (1EOC17). These actions address the root cause to prevent further violations.

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, the attachment provides written response to the subject violation as identified in the subject Inspection Report.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment 1
Supplemental Information to Notice of Violation
Violation 97-05-03

In addition to the long-term corrective actions, the following corrective steps are in place for the upcoming Unit 1 refueling outage (1EOC17):

- a) In addition to the standard weld process control, a detailed process control (MWP-3) is issued for specific welding tasks which are complex and require actions to be taken during the welding process.
- b) Site Inspectors and Site ESS-DSD NDE inspectors have been instructed that specified inspections, which can not be completed as required, must be documented on a PIP for evaluation.
- c) Site QC Inspectors and Site ESS-DSD NDE inspectors have been instructed not to perform miscellaneous examinations without proper information defining the requirements of the examination.
- d) A form has been implemented to define the necessary information for miscellaneous inspections which are not specified by normal weld process control or site approved procedures. These forms are required to be completed by the requesting group to properly identify the inspection scope.
- e) A change to the Weld Isometric Revision Process ensures that appropriate revisions have been made and approved prior to field use.
- f) A second level review is now required to ensure that the correct NDE has been specified on QA Condition weld tickets.