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Subject: McGuire Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-369, 370
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Oconee Nuclear Station
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Adoption of New Department of Transportation Final
Rule Concerning the Training Frequency for
Personnel Involved in the Transportation of
Hazardous Materials

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the intent of Catawba, McGuire and Oconee Nuclear Stations to adopt the subject final rule which was issued by the Department of Transportation(DOT) and published in the Federal Register on May 15, 1992. The subject rule adopts a training frequency of "once every two years" for personnel involved in the transportation of Hazardous Materials. The Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT believes that the "once every two years" training frequency, as a minimum, is necessary to ensure that hazmat employees are kept aware of the constantly changing regulatory requirements.

Catawba and McGuire Nuclear Stations have no prior commitments to the NRC concerning the training frequency for personnel involved in the transportation of Hazardous Materials even though both nuclear stations have been training the affected personnel annually based on a previous commitment made by Oconee Nuclear Station in a response, dated September 24, 1979, to IE Bulletin 79-19. The bulletin was issued to all reactor facility(ies) with an operating license and Catawba and McGuire were not licensed at the time of issuance of the bulletin and therefore not required to respond.

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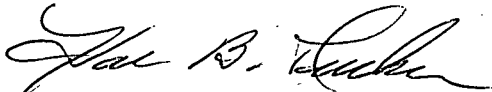
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Oconee Nuclear Station did commit to train the affected personnel on an annual basis; however, in view of the new DOT rule plans to adopt the "once every two years" training frequency.

Adopting the new DOT rule will alleviate the regulatory burden of conducting annual training without in any way reducing the substance of the training or the protection for the public health and safety.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information regarding this submittal, please contact A. Jones-Young at (704) 382-3154.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. B. Tucker".

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