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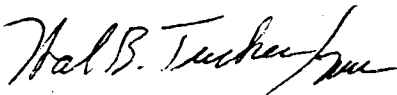
Duke Power Company (Duke) is providing the following information concerning inoperability of the Unit 1 noble gas effluent monitor (1RIA-56) as required by the proposed Technical Specification 3.5.6. The proposed Technical Specification 3.5.6, submitted on October 8, 1984 in response to Generic Letter 83-37, Item II.F.2, requires a 30 day report to NRC if the required noble gas effluent monitor is inoperable and is not returned to operable status within 7 days.

On June 26, 1987 after a storm with heavy rain and high winds 1RIA-56 went off scale low. Attempts were made to repair the problem by cleaning and drying the connector to the detector. Due to the picoamp signal from the detector, any moisture has a diastic effect on the meter reading.

Per proposed Technical Specification 3.5.6.3 requirements, an alternative noble gas monitoring program was instituted within 72 hours.

A new cable was pulled on July 21, 1987, thus returning 1RIA-56 to service. Raychem was placed onto the connectors to prevent recurrence of the problem.

Very truly yours,



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