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October 2, 1981

Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director
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Region II
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Re: Oconee Nuclear Station
IE Inspection Report
50-269/81-16
50-270/81-16
50-287/81-16

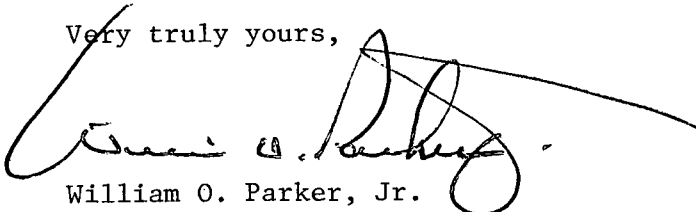
Dear Sir:

With regard to Paul J. Kellogg's letter of September 9, 1981 which transmitted the subject inspection report, Duke Power Company does not consider the information contained therein to be proprietary.

Please find attached responses to the cited items of noncompliance.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements set forth herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, executed on October 2, 1981.

Very truly yours,


William O. Parker, Jr.

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Response to IE Inspection Report 50-269/81-16, -270/81-16, -287/81-16

Violation A

10 CFR 50.55a requires that structures shall be constructed to quality standards commensurate with the importance of the safety function to be performed. ASME Section II (74S75) paragraph NC-4411 states in part that the manufacturer is responsible for control of the welding electrodes, precautions shall be taken to minimize absorption of moisture.

Contrary to the above, on July 30, 1981, welding electrodes were not being controlled and precautions were not taken to minimize moisture absorption in that a substantial number of partially consumed 308 bare wire electrodes were observed scattered about on the floor of the reactor building basement where welding on R. C. makeup system piping was in progress.

This is a Severity Level V Violation (Supplement I.E.).

Response

- 1) Admission or denial of alleged violation:

This violation is correct as stated.

- 2) Reasons for the violation:

Welders working in this area failed to follow the Station Directive 3.6.1, Oconee Nuclear Station Welding Program, which requires control of welding electrodes.

- 3) Corrective actions taken and results:

Each employee involved in welding activities has read Station Directive 3.6.1 and understands that further violations of this Directive will result in appropriate disciplinary action.

- 4) Corrective actions to be taken to avoid further violations:

Appropriate employee performance evaluations will reflect this and any future violations of the Station Directive. Management will periodically inspect welding areas to assure compliance with the established program.

- 5) Date when full compliance will be achieved:

All corrective actions are presently in effect.

Violation B

10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion V as implemented by Topical Report Duke-1-A, Section 17.1.5 requires in part that activities affecting quality shall be accomplished in accordance with the requirements imposed by instructions, procedures and drawings. Station Directive No. 3.11.4 states that all waste material in the walking and working areas around the Transfer Canal be placed in approved receptacles and removed from the area daily, or more often as necessary.

Contrary to the above, on July 22, 1981, cleanliness requirements in the walking and working areas around the Transfer Canal were not being observed in that various types of debris and trash including a corroded 7½ Volt dry cell battery, rubber overshoes, loose rope, wire, loose plastic wrapping material, tape, etc. Also a substantial amount of debris was observed floating on top of the water in the Transfer Canal and what appeared to be a rag was observed resting on the edge of the plenum.

This is a Severity Level V Violation (Supplement I.E.).

Response

1) Admission or denial of alleged violation:

This violation is correct as stated.

2) Reasons for the violation:

Personnel working in the cited area failed to follow the cleaning requirements of Station Directive 3.11.4, Cleanness Zones in Safety Related Areas, and Maintenance Procedure MP/O/A/1800/1. Also, the Fuel Transfer Canal Monitors had no formal training explaining their duties and authority.

3) Corrective actions taken and results:

The debris and trash noted were removed from the area. Individuals involved were reminded of the cleanliness requirements of the Station Directive and Maintenance Procedure, and of the importance of complying with these requirements. Outage Management Group members tour the Reactor Building daily to assure housekeeping requirements are being met during refueling outages.

4) Corrective actions to be taken to avoid further violations:

All appropriate personnel will review and understand the requirements of Station Directive 3.11.4 and procedure MP/O/A/1800/1. Formal training will be established and given to individuals who will act as Fuel Transfer Canal Monitors.

5) Date when full compliance will be achieved:

The corrective actions noted in (4) above will be completed by November 1, 1981.