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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator
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Region II
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Re: Oconee Nuclear Station
IE Inspection Report
50-269/81-32
50-270/81-32
50-287/81-32

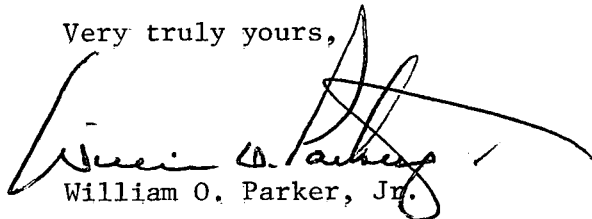
Dear Sir:

With regard to Mr. Paul J. Kellogg's letter of January 18, 1982 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 February 5, 1982.

Very truly yours,



William O. Parker, Jr.

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Responses to IE Inspection Reports
50-269/81-32, 50-270/81-32, and 50-287/81-32

Violation A

10 CFR 20.201 requires that the licensee perform surveys such as may be necessary to comply with the requirements of 10 CFR 20.

Contrary to the above, on November 24 and December 7, 1981, three areas were identified in the plant where licensee surveys had not detected radiation levels in excess of the posting requirements of 10 CFR 20.203.

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

Response

- 1) Admission or denial of the alleged violation:

This violation is correct as stated.

- 2) Reasons for the violation:

Health Physics personnel responsible for radiation surveys were not aware of conditions which changed the radiation levels in the areas cited. These personnel failed to perform adequate surveys of the areas. The examples of inadequate surveys cited in this violation were identified soon after the example noted in Violation A of NRC/OIE Inspection Report 50-269/81-30, -270/81-30, -287/81-30; therefore, both violations are considered to have similar causes and corrective actions.

- 3) Corrective actions taken and results:

The cited areas were surveyed, roped off, and properly posted as necessary when identified. More frequent surveys are being made and will continue to be made of areas where the validity of normal surveys may be affected by dynamic conditions.

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

See Item (3) above.

- 5) Date when full compliance will be achieved:

See Item (3) above.

Violation B

Technical Specification 6.4.1.2 requires adherence to procedures for startup, operation and shutdown of the facility. Procedure OP/O/A/1106/31 causes steps to be taken to prevent automatic restart of the turbine building sump pumps during refilling of the sump.

Contrary to the above, on December 6, the turbine building sump, which was being batch released due to a previous steam generator tube leak, was not returned to local manual control as required by OP/O/A/1106/31 "Control of Secondary Contamination." This resulted in approximately 1800 gallons of water being released. Sump contents did not exceed 10 CFR 20 limits for release to an unrestricted area.

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

Response

- 1) Admission or denial of the alleged violation:

This violation is correct as stated.

- 2) Reasons for the violation:

The release from the turbine building sump resulted from failure of a Nuclear Equipment Operator to open the sump pump breakers after a batch release in order to prevent automatic restart of the pumps. Although this action was required by procedure OP/O/A/1106/31, there were no sign-off steps in that procedure which would document this action.

- 3) Corrective actions taken and results:

As noted in the details of the inspection report, the automatic release was terminated and the sump pump breakers were opened. Sample results revealed no 10 CFR 20 limits were exceeded. The NEO involved has been counseled by his management.

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

Procedure OP/O/A/1106/31 will be revised to include sign-off steps for returning the sump pumps to local manual mode. This incident will be reviewed by all Operations shift personnel.

- 5) Date when full compliance will be achieved:

The procedure will be revised by February 12, 1982. The operator review of the incident will be completed by February 28, 1982.