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 50-269/90-30,50-270/90-30 & 50-287/90-30. Corrective actions:
 operator counseled about failure to follow procedures &
 document of verbal reprimand placed in personnel file.

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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287
Inspection Report 50-269, -270, -287/90-30
Reply to Notice of Violation

Dear Sir

By letter dated November 21, 1990, the NRC issued Inspection Report Nos. 50-269/90-30, 50-270/90-30 and 50-287/90-30 with a Notice of Violation. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR §2.201, I am submitting a written response to the violation identified in the above Inspection Report.

Very truly yours,

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270/90-30-04
Severity Level (IV)

VIOLATION:

Technical Specification 6.4.1 requires that the station be operated and maintained in accordance with approved procedures.

Contrary to the above, Unit 2 was not operated and maintained in accordance with approved procedures in that:

- a. On October 4, 1990, fuel assembly 04RL was loaded in core location G-6 contrary to the requirements of Operating Procedure (OP)/2/1/1502/07, Refueling Procedure.
- b. On October 5, 1990, the letdown cooler drain valves were not maintained in accordance with OP/2/A/1104/02, High Pressure Injection System, resulting in a loss of Reactor Coolant System (RCS) inventory when the letdown cooler isolation valve (HP-1) was opened.
- c. On October 10, 1990, the 2A Reactor Building Spray pump vent valve (LWD 376) was not maintained in accordance with OP/0/A/1104/05, Reactor Building Spray System, resulting in a loss of RCS inventory while in a mid-loop condition, when a pump suction isolation valve (BS-3) was opened.

RESPONSE TO ITEM A:

1. Admission or denial of the violation:

Duke Power Company admits this violation.

2. Reason for the violation:

Due to poor visibility in the Spent Fuel Pool, the fuel handling equipment operators could not verify that an assembly was in 68A. The bridge operators moved North so that an underwater light could help verify an assembly in 68A. Due to Operator Error, they mistakenly reindexed to 66A instead of 68A and picked up assembly 04RL and sent it to the Reactor Building where it was loaded into the core.

3. The corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved:

The operator was counselled about his failure to follow procedures and a documented verbal reprimand was placed in his personnel file.

4. Corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations:

None.

5. Date of full compliance:

Not Applicable.

RESPONSE TO ITEMS B AND C:

1. Admission or denial of the violation:

Duke Power Company admits these violations.

2. Reason for the violation:

These events occurred due to moving boundaries for block tagout isolations without proper regard for the position of all vents and drains between the old and new boundaries.

3. The corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved:

None.

4. Corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations:

A new enclosure will be added to the Block Tagout operating procedure to control the position of system vent and drain valves. The enclosure will require a review and listing of all valves including vents and drains when changes between old and new boundaries of block tagouts are made. These procedure changes will be incorporated prior to each unit's next refueling outage.

5. Date of full compliance:

U3EOC12 refueling outage (scheduled for 2/13/91)

U1EOC13 refueling outage (scheduled for 8/11/91)

U2EOC12 refueling outage (scheduled for 1/17/92)