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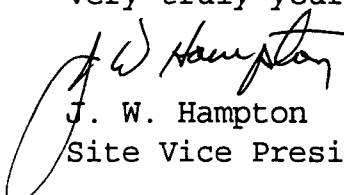
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Dear Sir:

By letter dated July 30, 1996, Duke Power committed to perform a containment structure re-analysis by January 1, 1997, and a root cause analysis of accelerated tendon force losses by March 1, 1997. After further review, it has been determined that these analyses cannot be completed by the specified due dates due to the need to address the additional complexities of the analyses. The analyses are currently in progress and Duke is committed to completing them. Both of the analyses will be completed by June 1, 1997. This new completion date will not affect Oconee's preparedness for evaluation of the results of the next scheduled tendon surveillance during the Unit 1, end-of-cycle 17 refueling outage scheduled for mid-1997.

If there are any further questions about this item, please contact David Nix at (864) 885-3634.

Very truly yours,


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