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Attention: Mr. R. W. Reid, Chief
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Re: Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Nos. 50-269, -270, -287

Dear Sir:

With regard to the NRC letter dated September 21, 1979 which retransmitted an earlier NRC letter dated June 26, 1979 concerning multiple equipment failures and surveillance testing errors, the following response is provided for Oconee Nuclear Station.

The events described in the NRC letter have been reviewed. An incident of similar nature occurred on Oconee 1 on June 29, 1977. This incident involved the inadvertent removal of both penetration room ventilation systems from service simultaneously. This was reported in my letter of July 13, 1977, a copy of which is attached. Actions have been taken to prevent recurrence of incidents of this type.

Incidents which involve equipment failures of any type, are investigated whether or not the incident is reportable to the NRC. The investigation process is described in existing station directives and assures that a proper evaluation is performed such that all potential failure modes are analyzed relative to the ability of safety systems to function as required.

The evaluation portion of the investigation is required to consider:

1. Operational integrity of items which were, or could have been affected by the incident.
2. A complete description of significant malfunctions of equipment pertinent to the incident.

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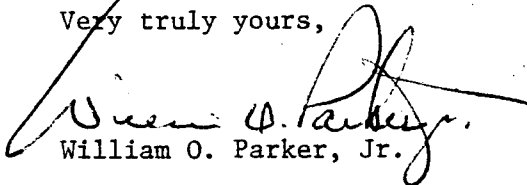
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3. The apparent cause of the incident and corrective actions required or recommended as a result of post-incident evaluations.

The safety analysis portion of the investigation describes, analyzes and evaluates any significant safety-related implications of the incident. The completed investigation reports are reviewed internally at Oconee. It is considered that the existing station directives and policy adequately address the concern described in the NRC letter.

With regard to adequacy of procedures, all procedures, including surveillance procedures, are periodically reviewed to verify accuracy. Included in this review is a verification of the specified precautions which, as appropriate, alert the individual performing the task, of situations for which important measures need to be taken early; or where extreme care must be used, to protect personnel and equipment or to avoid an abnormal or an emergency situation. Based on the reviews conducted, it is considered that the existing procedures and policy at Oconee address the concerns conveyed in the NRC letter.

Very truly yours,



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