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Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
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Technical Specification Revision For
Inadequate Core Cooling Instrumentation (ICC)
Request for Additional Information

Dear Sir:

By a letter dated November 15, 1988, the NRC Staff transmitted to me their preliminary Safety Evaluation in regard to their review of our proposed revision to the Oconee's Technical Specifications to incorporate the ICC instrumentation. Based on the review, the staff had concluded that our submittal should be revised and that a response be provided within 45 days.

Members of my staff have reviewed your November 15, 1988 letter and other related information. Based on this effort, I have concluded that the most appropriate response is to defer resolution of this issue until the joint NRC/Industry effort to improve technical specifications have completed their task.

As discussed in your staff's preliminary safety evaluation during the technical specification split review phase, it was concluded that Post-Accident monitoring instrumentation that satisfies the definition of type A variables of Regulatory Guide 1.97 would be retained within the technical specification. Further, the staff concluded that they fully expect that all B&W Owners that have integrated ICC instrumentation into emergency procedures will identify the variables monitored as a type A variable, and, as such, will retain this instrumentation within technical specification. The current status is that the instrumentation chapter will be provided to NRC in March 1989. We believe that the content of the Accident Monitoring LCO will be established in 1989.

Accordingly, a revision to the proposed Technical Specification Amendment will not be provided at this time. When final disposition of this issue has been reached within the Technical Specification Improvement Program, appropriate action, consistent with the resolution, will be taken.

Very truly yours,

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