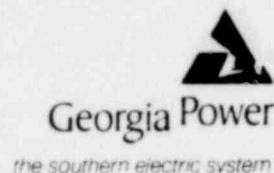


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EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1, 2  
CONTAINMENT PURGE AND VENT VALVE OPERABILITY

Gentlemen:

Your letter of September 27, 1979, transmitted guidelines for demonstration of operability of containment purge and vent valves, and requested a commitment to implement a valve qualification program on an expedited basis.

Although our purchase specification for the containment purge and vent valves clearly specifies operability requirements sufficient to assure closure against the dynamic forces of a DBA LOCA, telephone discussions with representatives of the manufacturer of our 18-inch butterfly valves used for containment isolation on the purge and vent lines have revealed potential problems with those valves. This subject has been reported as Licensee Event Report Number 79-81. As a result of discussions with the valve manufacturer, steps are being taken to limit valve opening to a maximum of 30°. This may be done via a modification of the valve operator. In addition, Georgia Power Company is implementing a valve qualification program as requested by your September 27, 1979, letter.

Very truly yours,

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