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ATTENTION: Mr. R. C. Lewis

Gentlemen:

The Georgia Power Company offers the following information in response to your letter of June 26, 1979, describing an apparent noncompliance with NRC requirements noted during your June 4 - 5, 1979, inspection of the Hatch Nuclear Plant.

The deficiency identified in the referenced inspection report involved the failure to implement Section 3.a of HNP-200 which requires the performance of operators to be evaluated by oral examination, at least annually, by operating supervision to include actions taken during abnormal or emergency conditions. The evaluations of three operators were not conducted during actual or simulated emergency or abnormal conditions, and one was not conducted by operating supervision.

To correct the deficiency, a re-evaluation of all the personnel concerned is presently underway. In addition, all licensed operators' files have been reviewed and re-evaluation is in progress for any evaluations which were considered to be questionable. Final corrective action for all these will be completed by August 15, 1979.

The inspection report contains no information which is believed to be proprietary.

Very truly yours,

R. W. Staffa

Manager of Quality Assurance

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