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ATTENTION: Mr. James P. O'Reilly

GENTLEMEN:

On July 15, 1981, Georgia Power Company (GPC) submitted a response to Inspection Report 81-07 concerning two apparent violations. One of these violations involved the lack of calibration procedures and calibration program for flow meters and pressure gauges associated with the plant vent and reactor building vent sampling system.

As stated in our previous response, procedures are now in place for the calibration of the pressure gauges and flow meters. These instruments are now included in the surveillance program for instrument calibration.

As part of our response to the above violation, we stated that parallel flow meters would be installed on the applicable systems to maintain the radiation monitoring systems in service while the other flow meters are taken out of service to be calibrated. Without parallel meters, removal of some of the flow meters would cause the radiation monitoring systems to be inoperable. At that time it appeared that Technical Specifications would dictate an LER for such an occurrence. To avoid unnecessary and immaterial LER's, installation of the parallel flow instruments was proposed.

Re-evaluation of the reporting requirements relating to Environmental Technical Specifications (which govern the operating conditions of these monitors) indicates in the case of an effluent monitor being taken out of service, an LER would only be required if the monitor could not be returned to service within seven (7) days. Of course, failure of a monitor in service would be reportable as well. Replacing a flow meter or checking its accuracy in-place takes no more than three (3) hours, thus an LER is not required.

In light of this information we have decided not to install the parallel instrumentation referenced in our initial response. However, with the exception of installing the parallel flow meters, all of the corrective actions have been completed. Specifically, a calibration program has been established and implemented for the flow instruments.

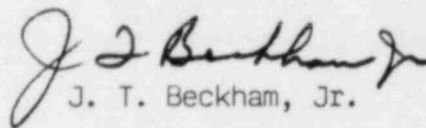
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Should you have any questions concerning our corrective actions, please contact my office.

Very truly yours,


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