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REFERENCE:  
RII: JPO  
50-321/50-366  
I&E Inspection  
Report  
83-15

ATTENTION: Mr. James P. O'Reilly

GENTLEMEN:

Georgia Power Company (GPC) submits the following information in response to I & E Inspection Report 50-321/83-15 and 50-366/83-15 concerning the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. R. V. Crlenjak of your office at Plant Hatch.

#### Violation

Technical Specification 6.8.1 requires that procedures controlling the operation of safety-related systems be implemented. Plant procedure HNP-1-1117, RHR Service Water, Data Package 1, requires that the seal water shutoff valve for RHR service water pump "D" be locked open. Also plant procedure HNP-1-3358 requires that the isolation valve for cable spreading room sprinkler multimate valve be locked open.

Contrary to the above, on May 5, 1983, the seal water shutoff valve for RHR service water pump "D", Unit 1 was found unlocked. The chain was locked through the handwheel but not such to prevent valve operation. On May 29, 1983, the isolation valve for the cable spreading room sprinkler system was found unlocked. The chain was through the handwheel but not locked. This is a repeat violation. See Inspection Report Nos. 50-321/82-12, 50-321/82-20 and 50-321/83-07.

This is a Severity Level IV Violation (Supplement I).

#### Response

Admission or denial of alleged violation: The violation occurred.

Reason for violation: Personnel did not follow established controls as specified in plant procedures.

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Corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved:

1. The subject valves were promptly locked to prevent unauthorized valve position changes.
2. Valve handwheels at the intake structure which are required to be locked have been painted bright orange. This will aid Operations personnel in identifying valves which are required to be locked at the intake structure.
3. Access into the intake structure has been restricted. Operations personnel will monitor work at the intake structure to ensure that valves are locked properly.

Corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations:

Because of the recurrent nature of this event, we have determined that the need exists for increased administrative controls. A program is now being developed which will strengthen the controls for logging and tracking changes in locked valve positions. This program will require independent verification of the locked position of safety related valves. Fire protection and instrument valves will be placed under a similar administrative controls program. To assure compliance, the new program will require closer management overview of its implementation. Periodic audits will assure compliance with the newly established controls. This enhanced administrative program will be fully implemented no later than August 31, 1983. Accessible locked valves will be verified properly locked (under this new program) no later than September 30, 1983.

Date when full compliance will be achieved: Full compliance was achieved on May 29, 1983, when the isolation valve for the cable spreading room sprinkler system was properly locked. On May 5, 1983, the seal water shutoff valve was properly locked.

If you have any further questions, please contact this office.

Very Truly Yours,

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