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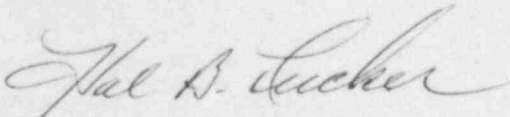
Subject: Oconee Nuclear Station
IE Inspection Report
50-269/83-26
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Dear Sir:

In response to your letter dated August 24, 1983 which transmitted the subject Inspection Report, the attached response to the cited item of non-compliance is provided.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements set forth herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge on September 19, 1983.

Very truly yours,



Hal B. Tucker

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Attachment

Violation

Technical Specification 6.4.1 requires that the station be operated and maintained according to approved procedures.

Contrary to the above, procedures were not followed on July 29, 1983, in that Condensate Monitoring Tank discharge valves were not closed, resulting in an unplanned release of radioactive water to the Keowee River. The release did not exceed Technical Specification limits.

This is a Severity Level V Violation (Supplement 1).

Response

- 1) Admission or denial of the alleged violation:

This violation is correct as stated.

- 2) Reasons for the violation:

The violation resulted from personnel error, failure of a Chemistry Technician to close the "B" Condensate Monitor Tank discharge valves following a release from that tank. Although the release procedure required the closing of these valves following a release, there was no sign-off step provided for this requirement.

- 3) Corrective actions taken and results:

The inadvertent release was discovered and terminated with no Technical Specification or 10CFR20 limits exceeded. Condensate Monitor Tank fill, recirculation, and release procedures CP/O/B/5008/04B and CP/O/B/5008/04C have been revised to include independently verified sign-off for closing of the discharge valves, and verification of valve lineup prior to recirculation.

The Chemistry Technician involved has been counselled. Procedural changes resulting from this incident have been reviewed with applicable Radwaste and Chemistry personnel.

- 4) Corrective actions to be taken to avoid further violations:

Procedure CP/O/B/5008/04C will be further reviewed and revised as necessary to assure clarity, identification of components, and proper use of sign-off steps as required. In addition, this violation and corrective actions will be reviewed in Chemistry section crew meetings.

All Radwaste procedures are being periodically reviewed and revised as necessary to assure clarity, identification of components, and proper use of sign-off steps.

- 5) Date when full compliance will be achieved:

The changes to CP/O/B/5008/04C and review of this violation by Chemistry personnel are expected to be completed by September 23, 1983. The review of other Radwaste procedures is an on-going program.