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Docket No. 50-348  
Docket No. 50-364

Mr. R. C. Lewis  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region II  
101 Marietta Street, N.W.  
Suite 3100  
Atlanta, GA 30303

SUBJECT: J. M. Farley Nuclear Plant NRC Inspection of  
February 6 - March 16, 1984

RE: Report numbers 50-348/84-05  
50-364/84-05

Dear Mr. Lewis:

This letter refers to the violation cited in the subject inspection reports which states:

"The following violations were identified during an inspection conducted on February 6 - March 16, 1984. The Severity Levels were assigned in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy (10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C).

10 CFR 50.59 allows the licensee to make changes to the facility as described in the FSAR without prior Commission approval provided that the change does not involve a change to the Technical Specifications or constitute an unreviewed safety question. The licensee is required to maintain records which include a written safety evaluation which provides the basis for determining that the change does not constitute an unreviewed safety question. The spent fuel pool design features are described in the FSAR, including design features to prevent dewatering.

Contrary to the above, the licensee did not perform a written safety evaluation prior to transferring water from the spent fuel pool to the transfer canal using a submersible pump. The submersible pump is a change to the spent fuel pool as described in the FSAR."

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Admission or Denial

The above violation occurred as described in the subject reports.

Reason for Violation

This violation was caused by personnel error in that this evolution was performed without procedural guidance.

Corrective Action Taken and Results Achieved

This error has been discussed with the personnel involved. Also, procedure FNP-1-SOP-54.0 (Spent Fuel Pit Cooling and Purification System) has been revised to provide procedural guidance for transferring water from the spent fuel pool to the transfer canal with appropriate precautions. A written safety evaluation was prepared and approved by the Plant Operations Review Committee.

Corrective Steps Taken to Avoid Further Violations

See above. All corrective action was completed by March 1, 1984.

Date of Full Compliance

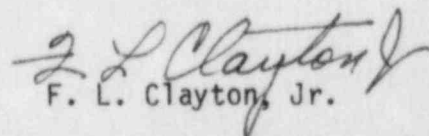
March 1, 1984.

Affirmation

I affirm that this response is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

The information contained in this letter is not considered to be of a proprietary nature.

Yours very truly,

  
F. L. Clayton, Jr.

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