

Carolina Power & Light Company

Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

March 5, 1971

No problem

Dr. Peter A. Morris
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U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

FACILITY LICENSE NO. DPR-23
DOCKET NO. 50-261

Dear Dr. Morris:

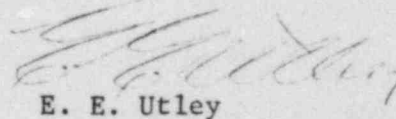
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Corrective action consisted in reviewing with all operating personnel the necessity of following in detail approved administrative procedures. In addition, the liquid waste disposal release permit is being revised to include "No. of Circulating Pumps Operating."

The incident was reported to Compliance, Region II, and was discussed at a Plant Nuclear Safety Committee meeting.

Yours very truly,



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