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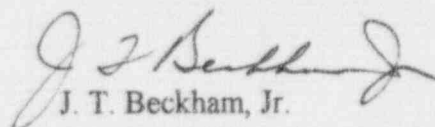
Gentlemen:

By letter dated June 22, 1995, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff provided Inspection Report 95-12 which evaluated the effectiveness of Georgia Power Company's (GPC) Quality Concerns Programs in addressing safety concerns. The NRC staff requested GPC to provide a response to two weaknesses identified in the inspection report. The weaknesses involved the lack of initial technical reviews to address potential safety significance and examples where past concerns were not fully investigated or answered.

In response, the applicable administrative guideline covering the Quality Concerns Program was revised August 14, 1995, to correct the weaknesses associated with initial technical reviews and ensuring that concerns are fully investigated and answered. Investigations subsequent to the NRC evaluation of the Quality Concerns program did not identify a case where a past concern represented a safety significant problem. Additionally, the site Safety Audit and Engineering Review group has included the employee Quality Concerns Program in their routine audit schedule to ensure compliance and to ensure weaknesses or deficiencies in the program or its implementation are identified and corrected. The schedule for audits is similar to the schedule for other administrative programs. Also, the Quality Concerns Program coordinator has been made aware of the weaknesses and management's expectations for program implementation.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please call this office.

Sincerely,


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