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NRC DOCKETS 50-321, 50-366
OPERATING LICENSES DPR-57, NPF-5
EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1, 2
STATUS OF SIL 402, "WETWELL/DRYWELL INERTING"

Gentlemen:

Service Information Letter (SIL) 402 was issued by General Electric Company in response to the vent header cracking incident at Hatch Unit 2. In a letter dated April 5, 1984, Georgia Power Company (GPC) reported the status of compliance with the recommendations of SIL 402 at Plant Hatch.

With respect to Recommendation 4, "Inspect Nitrogen Injection Line", it was stated in our April 5, 1984 letter that visual examination and limited magnetic particle testing had been performed on the applicable lines, but that the recommended ultrasonic testing was not planned due to the lack of baseline test data. It was further stated that alternative inspection techniques were being considered.

GPC has determined the inspections already performed to be adequate. Any cracking which could result from the injection of cold nitrogen is expected to be through-wall and detectable by surface examination. Therefore, further inspection of the nitrogen injection lines is not planned.

We also note that an error was made in the April 5, 1984 letter. The setpoint for the low temperature nitrogen supply shutoff was specified as 50°F, but is actually 30°F.

This submittal completes GPC's response to the NRC concerning SIL 402. Please contact this office at your earliest opportunity if there are any questions.

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