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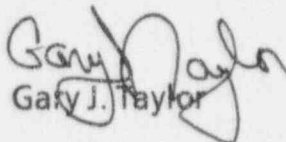
Subject: VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION
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RESPONSE TO NRC VIOLATION
REPORT NO. 50-395/ 95-11

This letter provides South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's (SCE&G) reply to an exercise weakness delineated in NRC Inspection Report No. 50-395/95-11.

Corrective actions taken in response to the identified weakness are contained in the attached reply.

Should you have any questions, please call Mr. Ricky Myers at (803) 345-4384, at your convenience.

Very truly yours,


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REPLY TO ANNUAL EXERCISE WEAKNESS
INSPECTION REPORT NUMBER 50-395/95-11

I. RESTATEMENT OF WEAKNESS

"Specific training of the simulator control room staff on the initiating emergency action level for the exercise prevented an objective demonstration of their ability to evaluate plant conditions and classify the simulated emergency."

II. CORRECTIVE STEPS TAKEN AND RESULTS ACHIEVED

Emergency plan drills are conducted on each operating shift as part of licensed operator requalification training. Both prior to and after the annual exercise, each operating shift has successfully demonstrated their ability to evaluate plant conditions and classify simulated emergencies using various scenarios with different initiating conditions. The last series of these drills was completed on September 6, 1995.

On October 5, 1995 the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station will conduct a training drill. One of the general objectives of this drill is to "Demonstrate an understanding of the station's emergency action levels (EALs) and their initiating conditions by the staff's ability to classify simulated emergency conditions." One of the simulator control room's specific objectives is to "Demonstrate the ability of the control room staff to evaluate plant conditions and to correctly classify the simulated emergency."

The successful completion of licensed operator requalification training coupled with a successful evaluation of this objective on October 5, 1995, will sufficiently demonstrate the control room staff's ability in relation to this weakness.

III. ACTION TAKEN TO AVOID RECURRENCE OF THIS WEAKNESS

To preclude a similar occurrence of this weakness, the Emergency Services Unit will ensure drill and exercise scenarios contain sufficient distinction to prevent the perception of specific training of simulator control room staff on the initiating EAL for an exercise.