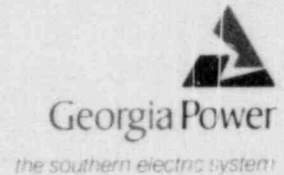


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EDWIN I. HATCH NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1, 2
APPENDIX R COMPENSATORY ROVING FIRE WATCH

Gentlemen:

In our letter NED-84-553 dated December 20, 1984, Georgia Power Company (GPC) committed to a roving fire patrol as a compensatory measure for areas within Plant Hatch which were not in full compliance with Appendix R and 10 CFR 50.48. The frequency of the patrol was specified therein as once per twenty minutes. In implementing this commitment it has become apparent that a definition of reasonable flexibility in interpretation of the twenty minute frequency is required.

Complications in execution of the patrol which were unforeseen and beyond an appropriate level of prevention have, on occasion, caused the time required to make a complete tour to go beyond the twenty minutes previously cited. Examples of such complications which have occurred are the malfunction of electronic door interlocks on airlocks and minor contamination on the patrol personnel's shoes.

In an effort to compensate for these complications, a "target time" of less than twenty minutes has been established to provide some margin. This has required application of additional resources. There still exists, however, a potential for a given patrol exceeding a twenty minute tour interval. If such an occasion occurs, the failure to meet the twenty minute

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frequency will be noted in the roving patrol's log. The goal of the patrol will be to ensure that a nominal frequency of twenty minutes is maintained with the typical frequency not exceeding twenty minutes. This matter has been discussed with the NRC's Plant Hatch Licensing Project Manager.

If you have questions or comments regarding this amplification of our earlier commitment, please contact my office.

Yours very truly,

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