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OPERATING LICENSES DPR-57, NPF-5
RESPONSE TO INSPECTION REPORT 92-19

Gentlemen:

By letter dated October 9, 1992, Georgia Power Company (GPC) was requested to provide a response to the exercise weaknesses identified in NRC Inspection Report 92-19. The subject inspection involved the observation and evaluation of the Annual Emergency Preparedness Exercise. Two exercise weaknesses were identified which involved the failure to classify the Site Area Emergency and the failure to perform a satisfactory fire drill. GPC was requested to provide the corrective actions taken, or planned to be taken, with regard to these items.

In response, Procedure 73EP-EIP-001-OS, "Emergency Classification and Initial Actions" has been revised as the corrective action for the failure to classify the Site Area Emergency. The procedure has been revised to clarify the initiating condition which resulted in the exercise weakness. The subject initiating condition, as previously contained in the procedure, required a Site Area Emergency to be declared if an unisolable primary system steam line break occurred outside containment during the emergency exercise. The use of the term "steam line" led personnel to erroneously believe that only an unisolable break in a Main Steam Line required a Site Area Emergency to be declared. Therefore, this initiating condition has been clarified by removing the reference to "steam line." The revised condition states that an unisolable break in a primary system outside containment requires the declaration of a Site Area Emergency.

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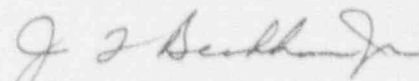
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Qualified Emergency Directors are in the process of being informed of the change through beginning-of-shift-training for Shift Operations Supervisors qualified to assume the Emergency Director role and issuance of a Training Information Memo to the other qualified Emergency Directors. Additionally, qualified Emergency Directors will receive formal training on the change during the normal 1993 Emergency Responder Requalification training program.

As corrective action for the failure to perform a satisfactory fire drill, a remedial drill will be conducted during a planned facility activation exercise on 12/11/92. The drill will be conducted and critiqued. Corrective actions, if necessary, will be taken per approved plant procedures.

If you have any questions in this regard, please contact this office.

Sincerely,


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