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Duke Power Company  
ATTN: Mr. H. B. Tucker, Vice President  
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422 South Church Street  
Charlotte, NC 28242

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: REPORT NOS. 50-269/84-31, 50-270/84-31, 50-287/84-35, 50-369/84-36,  
AND 50-370/84-34

The NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Board has completed its periodic evaluation of your Oconee and McGuire facilities. These facilities were evaluated for the period May 1, 1983 through August 31, 1984. The results of the evaluation are documented in the enclosed SALP Board Reports. These reports will be discussed with you at your office in Charlotte, North Carolina on January 8, 1985.

The performance of your Oconee and McGuire facilities was evaluated in the operational functional areas of plant operations, radiological controls, maintenance, surveillance, emergency preparedness, security and safeguards, refueling, quality assurance programs, and licensing activities. Additionally, McGuire Unit 2 was evaluated in the area of startup testing.

The overall Duke Power Company performance demonstrated an aggressive attitude toward nuclear safety. It is of significant merit that both the Oconee and McGuire facilities received Category 1 ratings in the functional areas of emergency preparedness and refueling.

The performance of your Oconee facility was evaluated highly by the SALP Board. It is a credit and reflection upon your management that major strengths were identified in the areas of plant operations, maintenance, surveillance, emergency preparedness, security and safeguards, and refueling. No major weaknesses were identified.

Management attention and involvement were evident at your McGuire facility; however, a major weakness was identified in the area of plant operations. The SALP Board expressed to me their concern that your ratings in the functional areas of plant operations, radiological controls, and maintenance had declined from those of the previous SALP assessment. It appears that continued aggressive management attention in these areas, as well as the surveillance functional area, will be required to ensure satisfactory performance. It is noteworthy that major strengths were identified in the areas of emergency preparedness, refueling, licensing activities, and startup testing.

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Any comments which you have concerning our evaluation of the performance of your facilities should be submitted to this office within 30 days following the date of our meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina. We specifically request that you advise us of actions you plan to take in response to the Category 3 rating in the plant operations functional area at McGuire. Your comments, a summary of our January 8, 1985 meeting, and my disposition of your comments will be issued as appendixes to the enclosed SALP Board Reports.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

*/s/ R.C. Lewis for*

James P. O'Reilly  
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. SALP Board Report -  
Oconee Nuclear Station
2. SALP Board Report -  
McGuire Nuclear Station

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