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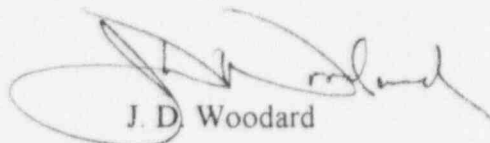
Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant
Core Spray Spargers Inservice Inspection

Gentlemen:

In response to I&E Bulletin 80-13 "Cracking In Core Spray Spargers", Georgia Power Company (GPC) has performed a visual inspection of the Plant Hatch Unit 1 and Unit 2 Core Spray Spargers and associated piping during each refueling outage beginning with the Unit 2 Fall 1980 refueling outage. GPC has determined that beginning with the Unit 2 Spring 1997 refueling outage it is appropriate to follow "BWR Vessel and Internals Project: BWR Core Spray Internals Inspection and Flaw Evaluation Guidelines (BWRVIP-18)" for the inspection of the core spray spargers and piping for both Plant Hatch Units 1 and 2. GPC will implement the revision of the document that has been reviewed and approved by the NRC prior to the beginning of the Unit 2 Spring 1997 refueling outage. In the event NRC review of the document is not complete, GPC will implement the latest revision submitted by the EWRVIP to the NRC 90 days prior to the scheduled outage start date. GPC intends to incorporate the requirements of BWRVIP-18 into the Plant Hatch ISI Program in lieu of the requirements of I&E Bulletin 80-13.

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

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