December 18, 2001 EN-01-045

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Virginia Electric and Power Company (EA-01-235) (Surry Power Station) Docket Nos. 50-280, 281

Subject: ISSUANCE OF FINAL SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation associated with a White Significance Determination Process (SDP) finding will be issued on or around December 21, 2001, to Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO) as a result of inspections at the Surry Power Station. This White finding, an issue with low to moderate increased importance to safety that may require additional NRC inspections, concerned VEPCO's discovery in April 2001 of failed piston wrist pins and bearings in the Number 3 Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG) which is shared by Units 1 and 2, and degraded components in the Number 1 EDG. The NRC determined that a violation of 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI (Corrective Actions) and the licensee's Technical Specifications existed due to the licensee's failure to take corrective actions for high engine bearing wear product concentrations in oil samples resulting in Number 3 EDG inoperability for an extended period.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the final significance determination and enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification are:

Mailing of Final Significance Determination and Notice of ViolationDecember 21, 2001Telephone Notification of licenseeDecember 21, 2001

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