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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Energy Northwest (EA-02-107)
(Columbia Generating Station)
Docket No. 50-397

Subject: ISSUANCE OF FINAL SIGNIFICANCE DETERMINATION AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

This is to inform the Commission that a WHITE Significance Determination Process (SDP) finding and associated Notice of Violation will be issued on or around June 24, 2002, to Energy Northwest as a result of inspections at the Columbia Generating Station. This WHITE finding, an issue with low to moderate increased importance to safety, which may require additional NRC inspections, involved degradation of 16 safety-related and 6 important-to-safety breakers that were replaced during the refueling outage ending in June 2001. The failure to properly verify the design adequacy of the breakers and the failure of the licensee to promptly identify and correct a significant condition adverse to quality regarding the degraded performance of the 22 breakers violated the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion III and Criterion XVI.

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

Mailing of Notice of Violation June 24, 2002
Telephone Notification of licensee June 24, 2002

The State of Washington will be notified.

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