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EA 96-452

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-321/96-12, 50-366/96-12
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Beckham:

An NRC inspection was conducted October 21 - 25, 1996, at your Hatch 1 and 2 reactor facilities. This was an inspection of your implementation of the requirements of 10 CFR 50.65, "Requirements for Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants" [the Maintenance Rule]. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

Your program for implementing the requirements of the Maintenance Rule followed the guidance provided in NUMARC 93-01, "Industry Guideline for Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants," dated May 1993, which was endorsed in Regulatory Guide 1.160, "Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants," dated January 1995. Although Hatch Nuclear Plant appeared to be appropriately maintained, your implementation of the Maintenance Rule did not demonstrate good integration of other maintenance programs with Maintenance Rule requirements.

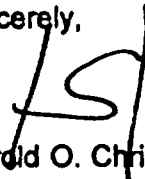
Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that violations of NRC requirements occurred. In addition, although Safety Audit and Engineering Review Group audits on Maintenance Rule implementation identified areas for improvement, few findings were documented. Also, some issues discussed in this report had not been entered into your deficiency control system until the NRC discussed the problems with your staff. These indicators put into question the threshold for formal identification of deficiencies and the effectiveness of your corrective action program.

The violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation, and the circumstances surrounding the violations are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to insure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely,



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2. Inspection Reports
50-321/96-12, 50-366/96-12

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