

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Tennessee Valley Authority
Watts Bar Unit 1

Docket No. 50-390
License No. NPF-90

During an NRC inspection conducted on March 16 through April 26, 1997, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

Technical Specification 5.7.1.1 requires that written procedures shall be established, implemented, and maintained for activities recommended in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, Quality Assurance Program Requirements, Revision 2, February 1978. This includes procedures required for the operational alignment of safety-related equipment.

Watts Bar System Operating Instruction (SOI)-3.02, Auxiliary Feedwater System, Revision 21, Checklist 3, requires the status of isolation valve 1-ISV-3-828 to be open during normal operations. On March 27, the release of Clearance Sheet 1-97-003-0295 was authorized to lock open 1-ISV-3-828 in order to restore the system to a normal lineup.

Contrary to the above, as of March 28, 1997, 1A motor-driven auxiliary feedwater pump steam generator No. 1 level control valve isolation valve 1-ISV-3-828 was closed and was not tracked by any configuration control process for being out of its required position. Isolation of the No. 1 steam generator level control valve would have prevented the 1A motor-driven auxiliary feedwater pump from feeding the No. 1 steam generator during an accident.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Tennessee Valley Authority is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region II, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the Watts Bar facility within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a

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Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. If personal privacy or proprietary information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, then please provide a bracketed copy of your response that identifies the information that should be protected and a redacted copy of your response that deletes such information. If you request withholding of such material, you must specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld and provide in detail the basis for your claim of withholding (e.g., explain why the disclosure of information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or provide the information required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information). If safeguards information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21.

Dated at Atlanta, Georgia
this 22nd day of May 1997