

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Tennessee Valley Authority  
Watts Bar Nuclear Plant

Docket Nos. 50-390 and 50-391  
License Nos. NPF-90 and CPPR-92

During an NRC inspection conducted from April 21 through April 25, 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:

The licensee's Physical Security Plan, Revision O, dated November 5, 1996, paragraph 4.1 (D), states that "normal personnel access to the PA is through a locked door, turnstile, or gate controlled by a MSF [Member of the Security Force] from a bullet-resisting (BR) structure. The individual in the BR structure monitors the access area to the PA and has the ability to override the turnstile to prevent their use."

Administrative Order 2.2, Personnel/Vehicle Access, Revision 5, dated February 28, 1997, paragraph 2.1 (D) requires that, "The ACP [Access Control Person] MSF is responsible for final access to the PA through the ACP and PA sally port gates and locking down the turnstile when required."

Contrary to the above, on April 23, 1997, another individual other than the person authorized access using their key card and hand geometry gained unauthorized access to the protected area because the final access control officer was not in a position to observe the turnstiles and was assigned duties that detracted from the primary duties of observing personnel accessing into the protected area.

This is a Severity Level IV Violation (Supplement III).

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 facility that is the subject of this Notice, 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 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.

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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. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Atlanta, Georgia  
this 21st day of May 1997