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April 19, 2011

Golden Valley Electric Association
ATTN: Scott Milliken
Interim Radiation Safety Officer
P.O. Box 297
Healy, Alaska 99743

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 030-33010/2010-001 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Milliken:

This refers to the inspection conducted at your facility in Healy, Alaska, on November 15, 2010, with continued in office review through March 28, 2011. The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to safety and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of the license. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selected examination of procedures and representative records and interviews with personnel. Preliminary inspection findings were discussed with you at the conclusion of the onsite inspection and telephonically with you and Mr. Dave Brown on January 13, 2011. A final exit briefing was conducted telephonically with you on March 28, 2011.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that one Severity Level IV violation of NRC requirements occurred. This violation involved the failure to provide a timely notification within 30 days when the named Radiation Safety Officer terminated his assigned duties in order to remove him from the license. The violation was evaluated in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy. The current Enforcement Policy is included on the NRC's Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html>. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violation is being cited in the Notice because it was identified by the NRC during the inspection.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. For your consideration and convenience, an excerpt from NRC Information Notice 96-28, "Suggested Guidance Relating to Development and Implementation of Corrective Action," is enclosed. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, Enclosure 1, and your response will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's document system (ADAMS), accessible from the Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be made available to the public without redaction.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, please contact Rick Muñoz at (817) 860-8220 or the undersigned at (817) 860-8287.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Vivian H. Campbell, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Branch A

Docket: 030-33010
License: 50-29058-01

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Information Notice 96-28

cc w/Enclosure 1:
Mr. Clyde E. Pearce, Chief
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Department of Health and Social Services
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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Golden Valley Electric Association
Healy, Alaska

Docket: 030-33010
License: 50-29058-01

During a NRC inspection conducted on November 15, 2010, through March 28, 2011, one violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the Enforcement Policy, the violation is listed below:

Condition 12 A. of Amendment No. 02 to License 50-29058-01 identifies a specific individual as the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) for the license.

Contrary to the above, as of December 11, 2005, the individual named as RSO was no longer employed by the licensee. The licensee appointed another individual as acting RSO; however, as of March 28, 2011, the licensee had not applied for a license amendment to identify another individual as the licensee's RSO.

This is a Severity level IV violation (Supplement 6.3)

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Golden Valley Electric Association, is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, 612 E. Lamar Blvd., Suite 400, Arlington, Texas, 76011, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "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 or severity level, (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.

If you contest this enforcement action, you should also provide a copy of your response, with the basis for your denial, to the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Because your response will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's document system (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html, to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary or safeguards information so that it can be made available to the public 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

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specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld and provide in detail the bases 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 2.390(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.

In accordance with 10 CFR 19.11, you may be required to post this Notice within two working days.

Dated this 19th day of April 2011