NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Duke Energy Corporation   Docket No. 50-269
Oconee 1   License No. DPR-38

During an NRC inspection conducted from January 26 to February 5, 1998, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedures for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG 1600, the violation is listed below:

> Technical Specification 6.4.1.e requires in part, that written procedures with appropriate instructions shall be provided for corrective maintenance which could affect nuclear safety.

> Contrary to the above, as of January 31, 1998, Maintenance Procedure MP/0/A/1810/014, Valves and Piping - Welded - Removal and Replacement - Class A Through F, Revision 26, dated September 18, 1997, did not provide appropriate instructions for the use of purge paper, in that, the procedure did not contain adequate instructions or precautions to limit the length or amount of purge paper to be used as weld damming material to stop leakage. As a result, an excessive amount of purge paper was used on January 31, 1998, in support of welding a drain line connected to the Unit 1 pressurizer surge line. As the purge paper would not dissolve as intended during subsequent flushing (due, in part, to the excessive amount used), the drain line had to be cut to support retrieval of the purge paper.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Duke Energy Corporation, is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region II, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector, Oconee Nuclear Station, 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; (2) the corrective steps that will be taken and the results achieved; (3) the corrective steps that have been 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 to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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,

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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 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 2.790(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 18th day of March 1998