

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant

Docket No. 50-323
License No. DPR-82

During an NRC inspection conducted on March 11 through April 21, 1990, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1990), the violation is listed below:

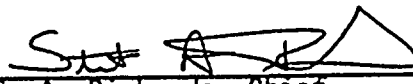
- A. Technical Specification 3.9.12 specifies that two Fuel Handling Building Ventilation Systems shall be operable. Action statement b. states, "With no Fuel Handling Building Ventilation Systems operable, suspend all operation involving movement of fuel within the spent fuel pool or crane operation with loads over the spent fuel pool..."

Contrary to the above, between March 12 and March 15, 1990, no Unit 2 Fuel Handling Building Ventilation Systems were operable and operations involving movement of fuel within the spent fuel pool and crane operation with loads over the spent fuel pool were conducted. The Fuel Handling Building Ventilation System (FHBVS) was not operable in that it could not perform its specified function to maintain a negative pressure greater than or equal to 1/8 inch Water Gauge relative to the outside atmosphere because two FHBVS barrier doors had been erroneously blocked open. Licensee test results showed that only 1/16 inch water gauge of negative pressure could be maintained.

This is a Severity Level IV violation, applicable to Unit 2 (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Pacific Gas and Electric Company 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 V, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector, Diablo Canyon, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this 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 if admitted, (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. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order may be issued to show cause why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked or why such other actions as may be proper should not be taken. Consideration may be given to extending the response time for good cause shown.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


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Reactor Projects Branch
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Dated at Walnut Creek, California
this 24th day of May, 1990

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