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           safe operation & conservative decision making.

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January 26, 1999

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-387/98-12, 50-388/98-12;  
AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Byram:

On January 4, 1999, the NRC completed an inspection at your Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES) Unit 1 & 2 reactor facilities. The inspections covered routine activities by the resident inspectors. The enclosed report presents the results of these inspections. The inspectors discussed the findings of these inspections with Mr. R. Saunders, Vice President Nuclear Operations, Mr. G. Kuczynski, General Manager SSES, and others of your staff, at an exit meeting at the completion of the inspection period.

During the 6-week period of inspection, your conduct of activities was characterized by safe operation and conservative decision making. The station response to the Unit 1 offgas system isolation, Unit 1 main steam isolation valve fast stroke time, and Unit 2 standby liquid control tank foreign material removal was excellent. However, over the past six months we have noticed four occurrences of incorrect implementation of applicable Technical Specification Limiting Conditions of Operation (LCOs). The number of occurrences of incorrect implementation of LCOs, which have been minor in nature and non consequential to date, appear to be an indicator of a potential adverse trend.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred. On two separate occasions incorrect gasket material was substituted for a neoprene gasket on the "A" emergency diesel generator fuel oil storage tank. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding it are described in detail in the subject inspection report. The violation is of concern because it indicates weaknesses in your design control program which were evident in your work planning process, and it was identified by the NRC.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

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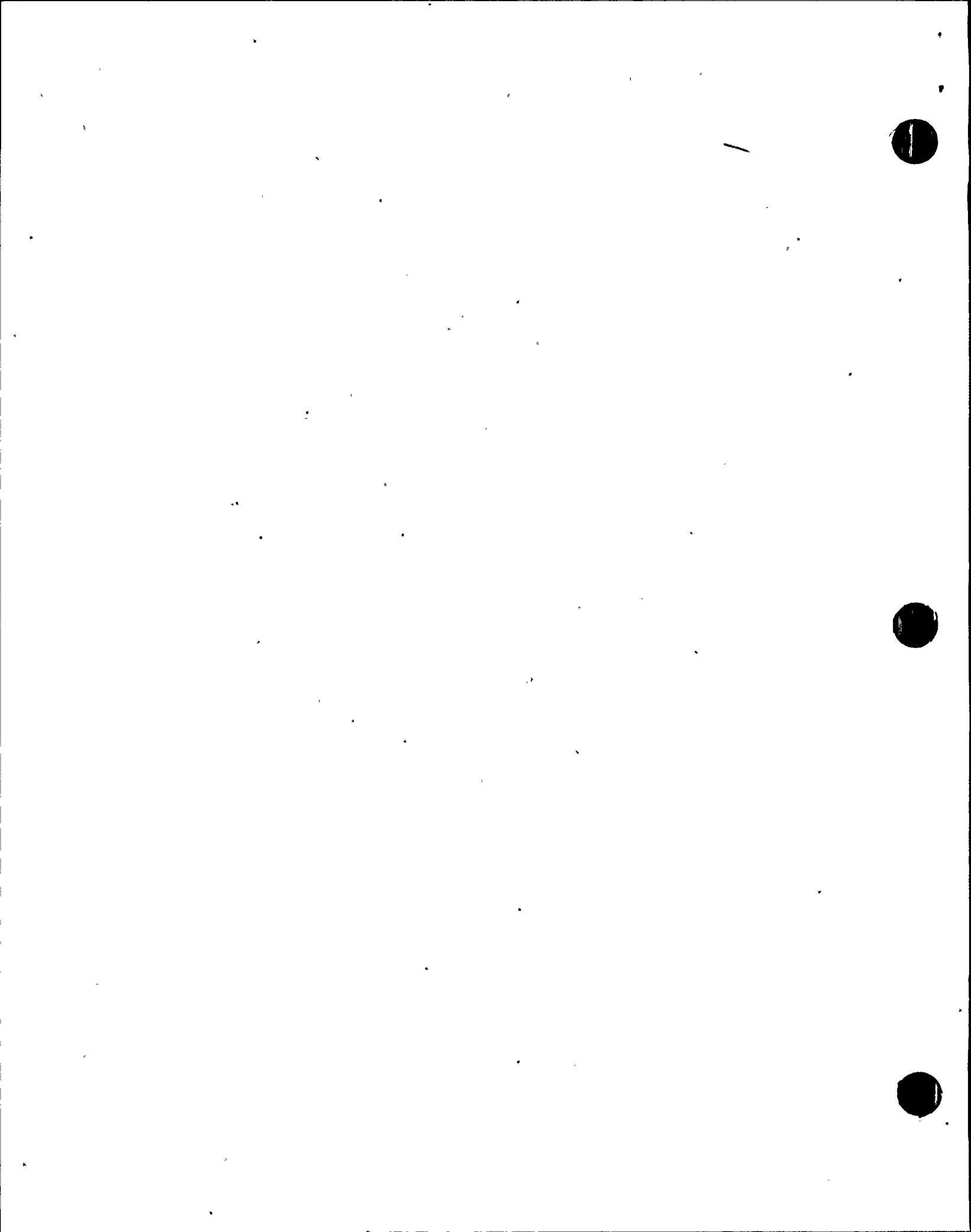
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1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report 50-387/98-12, 50-388/98-12

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