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informing of confirmed positive test for marijuana & forwards notice of violation.

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Mr. Bruce Sensenbach [HOME ADDRESS DELETED UNDER 10 CFR 2.790]

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Sensenbach

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received a letter dated August 15, 1997 from the Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation informing us of your confirmed positive test for marijuana (copy enclosed). We plan to place this letter in your 10 CFR Part 55 docket file.

This confirmed positive test constitutes evidence of a violation of 10 CFR 55.53(j). The purpose of the Commission's fitness-for-duty requirements is to provide reasonable assurance that nuclear power plant personnel work in an environment that is free of drugs and alcohol and the effects of the use of these substances. The use of illegal drugs is a serious matter which undermines the special trust and confidence placed in you as a licensed operator. The violation is categorized as a Severity Level III violation in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions", NUREG-1600, because the use of illegal drugs by licensed operators is a significant regulatory concern. This violation is described in the enclosed Notice of Violation. Please note that, in accordance with 10 CFR 26.27(b), future similar violations will substantially affect your authorization for unescorted access to the protected area of a licensed facility.

The purpose of this letter is to make clear to you the consequences of your violation of NRC requirements governing fitness-for-duty as a licensed operator. You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence in order to ensure your ability and willingness to carry out the special trust and confidence placed in you as a licensed operator of a nuclear power facility. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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Mr. Bruce Sensenbach

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, enforcement actions are placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). A copy of this letter and the enclosed Notice of Violation (except for Enclosure 1 which is being withheld for personal privacy considerations) with your address removed will be placed in the PDR after 45 days unless you provide a sufficient basis to withdraw this violation.

Should you have any questions concerning this action, please contact Glenn Meyer of my staff. Mr. Meyer can be reached at either the address listed above or telephone number (610) 337-5211.

Sincerely,

James T. Wiggins, Director Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No. 55-60055 License No. SOP-10948-1

Enclosures:

- 1. RG&E Letter of August 15, 1997
- 2. Notice of Violation

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