

ENCLOSURE 1

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Rochester Gas and Electric Company
Ginna Nuclear Power Station
Rochester, New York

Docket No. 50-244
License No. DPR-18

During an NRC inspection conducted from March 3 - March 12, 1998, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion V, "Instructions, Procedures, and Drawings," requires in part that activities affecting quality shall be accomplished in accordance with procedures. The Rochester Gas & Electric (RG&E) Ginna Station Procedure O-6, Revision 63, "Operations and Process Monitoring," step 5.3.3.1 states that operators "Acknowledge all computer alarms and take appropriate actions." Additionally, RG&E Ginna Station procedure A-52.11, Revision 8, "Conduct of Activities in the Control Room," step 3.1.4 states that "On-shift operators shall maintain awareness of pertinent plant instrumentation."

Contrary to the above, on March 3, 1998, control room operators failed to acknowledge Plant Process Computer System (PPCS) alarms denoting a high pressure warning for pressurizer pressure which annunciated in response to a pressurizer pressure control system malfunction. Also, they were not aware of main control board indication denoting pressurizer backup heaters energized and instrumentation showing pressurizer pressure as it increased from 2235 psig to 2335 psig during the time period of 0808 to 0816. This resulted in pressurizer pressure increasing unnoticed by the operators until power-operated relief valve 430 opened.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region I, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of receipt of the letter transmitting the 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 to the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Under the authority of Section 182 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 2232, this response shall be submitted under oath or affirmation.

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, 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 King of Prussia, PA
this 31st day of March, 1998

