

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Washington Public Power Supply System
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Docket No. 50-397
License No. NPF-21

During an NRC inspection conducted on January 14 - February 17, 1991 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:

Technical Specifications, Section 4.6.5.3 states: "Each standby gas treatment (SGT) subsystem shall be demonstrated operable:

"b. At least once per 18-months...by:

"(1) Verifying that the subsystem satisfies the in-place penetration and bypass leakage testing acceptance criteria of less than 0.05% and uses the test procedure guidance in Regulatory Positions ... C.5.c and C.5.d of Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 2, March 1978... "

Contrary to the above, the in-place penetration and bypass leakage testing was not accomplished in accordance with Regulatory Guide 1.52; in that the required injection and sample manifolds were not used during tests of the downstream HEPA filters and charcoal adsorbers which were performed (1) on January 24, 1991; September 19, 1989; and April 1, 1988 for the "A" train of SGT, and (2) on January 30, 1991; September 21, 1989; and April 1, 1988 for the "B" train of SGT.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, the Washington Public Power Supply System is hereby required to submit to this office within thirty days of the date of this Notice, 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 office at Washington Nuclear Project No. 2. 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) 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 action as may be proper should not be taken. Consideration may be given to extending your response time for good cause shown.

Dated at Walnut Creek, California
this 19th day of March 1991

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