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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION V

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Docket 50-397
License NPF-21

Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS)
P.O. Box 968
3000 George Washington Way
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Attention: Mr. G. C. Sorensen, Manager
Regulatory Programs

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-397/92-35

During the period of October 19 - 30, 1992, Mr. L. Carson and Mr. L. Coblenz of this office conducted a routine inspection of activities authorized for your Washington Nuclear Project 2 (WNP-2). On October 23, 1992, at the conclusion of the onsite portion of the inspection, Mr. Carson and Mr. Coblenz discussed the findings of the first week with members of your staff identified in the enclosed report. Additional findings resulting from the NRC Region V Office portion of the inspection (October 26 - 30) were discussed in subsequent telephone conversations with your Radiation Protection Manager, Mr. D. Pisarcik.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the enclosed report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appear to be in violation of NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). We are concerned by your release of low-level radioactive liquids to the onsite storm drain pond. While we recognize that this matter is not an immediate public health and safety concern, the long-term environmental effect of continuing to operate the system in this manner has not been evaluated, and this method of disposal is not a method approved by 10 CFR 20.301. We are particularly concerned because you continued system operation without performing a written safety evaluation after certain Turbine Building sumps, non-radioactive by design, had been found to be radioactively contaminated.

Finally, we are concerned by the failure of your operators to properly respond to an alarming Control Room emergency ventilation system remote air intake radiation monitor. By your plant design, isolation of the air intake valves under adverse radiological conditions is dependent on manual operator action. Therefore, prudent operator response to alarms is an essential feature in determining the source of radioactivity and responding appropriately.

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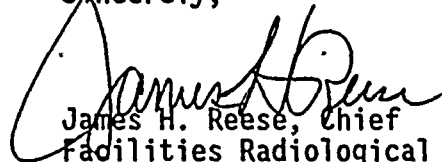
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One licensee-identified violation of Technical Specification 6.12, regarding access control to high radiation areas, is not being cited because your efforts in correcting the violation meet the criteria specified in Section V.G of the NRC Enforcement Policy.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken for each violation and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a) of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. 96-511.

Sincerely,



James H. Reese, Chief
Facilities Radiological Protection Branch

Enclosures:
Notice of Violation
Inspection Report 50-397/92-35

cc w/enclosure:

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