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November 12, 1993

Docket No. 50-397

Washington Public Power Supply System
P. O. Box 968.
Richland, Washington 99352

Attention: Mr. J. V. Parrish
Assistant Managing Director for Operations

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-397/93-36)

This refers to the inspection conducted by R. C. Barr, D. L. Proulx, M. H. Miller, K. E. Johnston, and J. F. Melfi of this office on September 7 through October 18, 1993 of activities authorized by NRC Operating License No. NPF-21, and to the discussions of findings held by the inspectors with Mr. J. Swailes and other members of the Supply System staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

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

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). This violation concerned your failure to request a license amendment, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.59, before implementing a design change that involved a change to the Technical Specifications. This violation reflects continuing weakness in the quality of the reviews done by engineering and oversight groups.

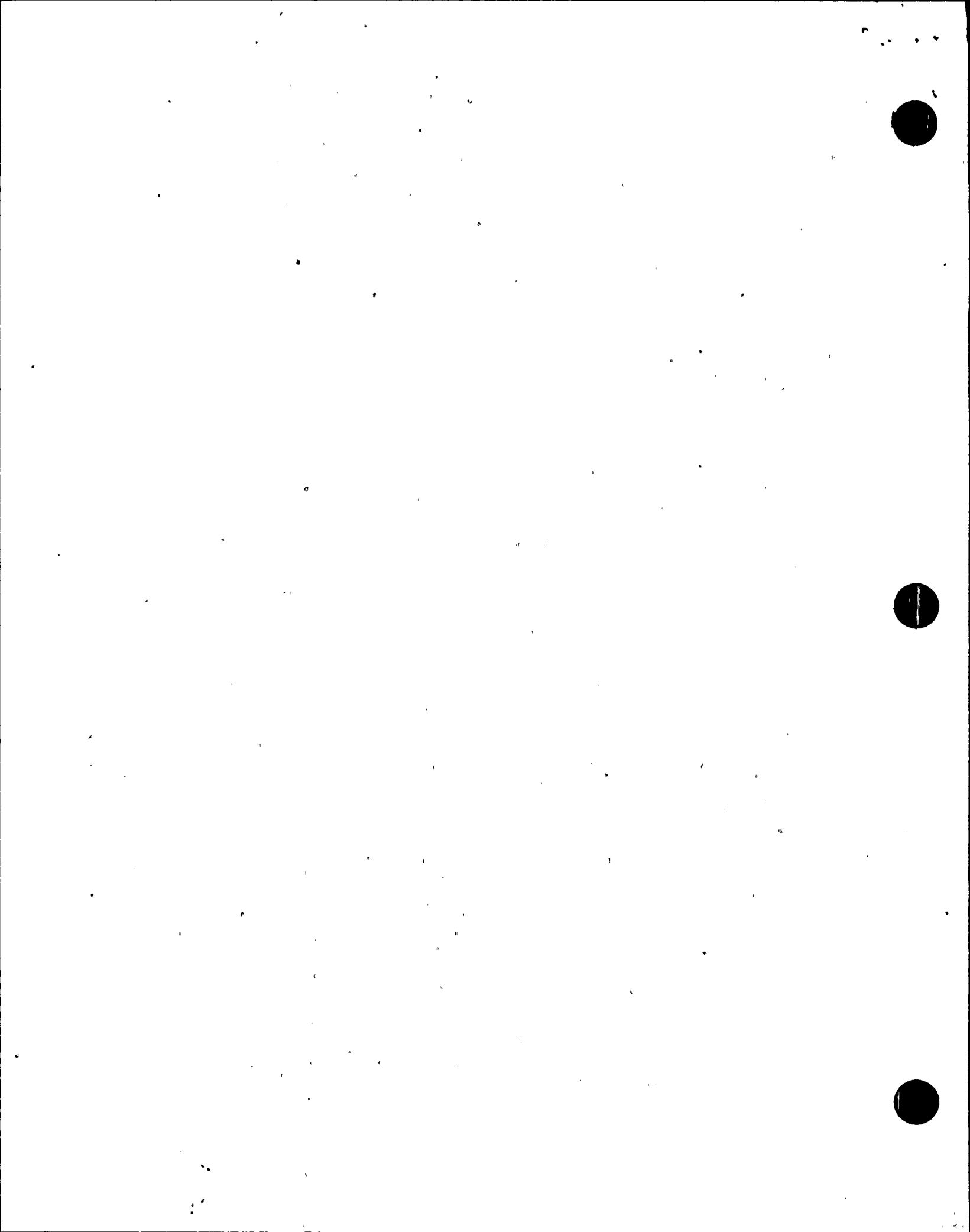
You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspection, 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), a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying 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.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,


for C. A. VanDenburgh, Chief
Reactor Projects Branch

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report No. 50-397/93-36

cc w/enclosures:

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