

ENCLOSURE 1

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Washington Public Power Supply System  
Washington Nuclear Project-2

Docket No.: 50-397  
License No.: NPF-21  
EA 97-573

During an NRC inspection conducted on July 15 through August 2, 1997, 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 XVI, requires, in part, that measures shall be established to assure that conditions adverse to quality, such as failures, malfunctions, deficiencies, deviations, defective material and equipment, and nonconformances are promptly identified and corrected. In the case of significant conditions adverse to quality, the measures shall ensure that the cause of the condition is determined and corrective action taken to preclude repetition.

Contrary to the above:

1. During the period of July 24, 1996, through August 1, 1997, a corrective action for a condition adverse to quality was not corrected. Specifically, the required reading for operators to assure that they would not take the fire water system out of service for a nonfire protection activity, while only a single source of fire water was available, was not completed for one operator.
2. In December 1995, measures did not assure that corrective actions were taken for a significant condition adverse to quality to preclude recurrence of a failure of the motor-pump coupling on the ac standby circulating lubricating oil pump for Emergency Diesel Generator DG2 on February 18, 1996. The corrective actions developed as the result of multiple motor-pump coupling failures that occurred since before 1991 were not fully implemented. Specifically, increased alignment checks, the installation of flexible hoses, and replacing the coupling with a different design coupling that was better suited to the operating conditions for the pump were not fully implemented.
3. On June 10, 1996, measures did not assure that corrective actions were taken for conditions adverse to quality to promptly identify and correct problems involving the inadvertent start of a reactor recirculation pump by operations personnel.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I). (50-397/9713-01)

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Washington Public Power Supply System 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 IV, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas 76011, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within

30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for Violation A: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (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.

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. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Arlington, Texas  
this 9th day of February 1998