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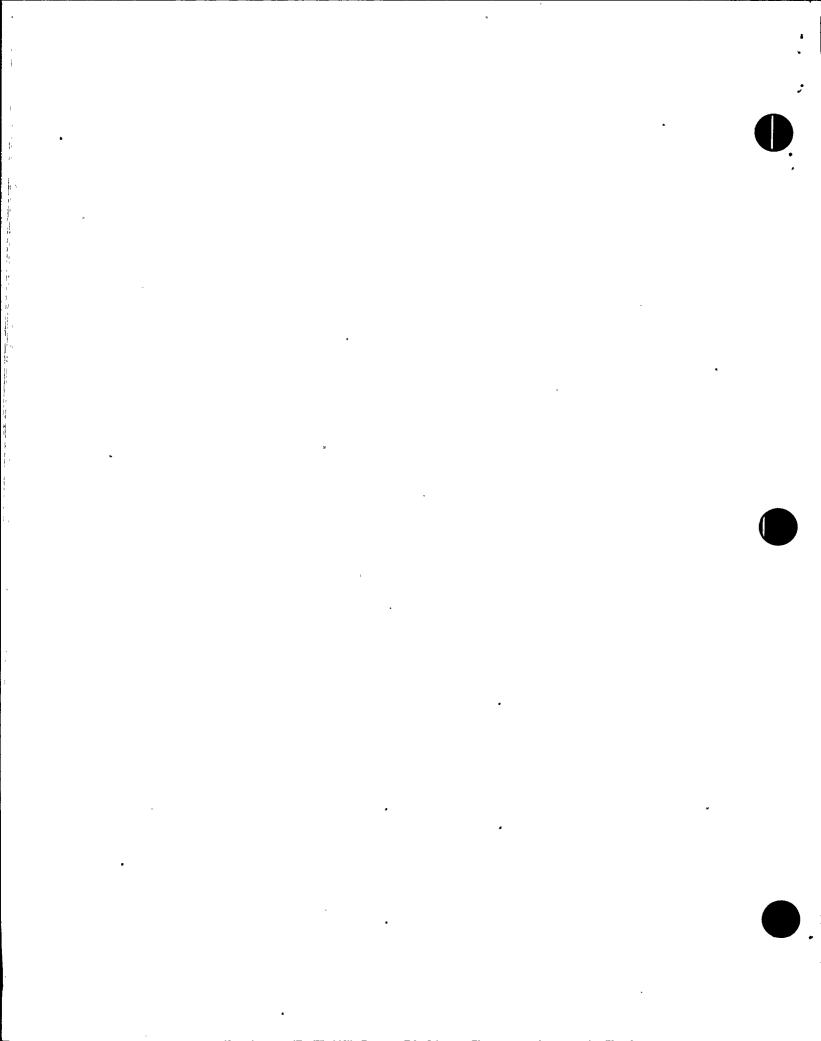
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NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-315/316-97004(DRP), NOTICE OF

VIOLATION, AND NOTICE OF DEVIATION

Dear Mr. Fitzpatrick:

On March 29, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your D. C. Cook 1 and 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the 6-week period covered by this inspection report, the inspectors observed that the plant was operated in a safe manner, radiological work practices were properly followed, and engineering evaluations were promptly performed.

Based on the results of this inspection, four violations of NRC requirements and a deviation from a commitment were identified. The violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice), and the circumstances surrounding them are described in detail in the subject inspection report. The first violation identified four examples of failure to follow procedures including an operator error that resulted in an inadvertent engineered safety feature actuation. The second violation identified two examples of inadequate corrective action to prevent recurrence of significant conditions adverse to quality. The third violation involved a failure to make a timely 10 CFR 50.72 report. Violation four involved the failure to properly evaluate a temporary modification. The identified deviation related to the capability of equipment to properly record power range channel data.

Procedural quality, employee and contractor adherence to procedures, quality of corrective actions, and the need to comply with reporting requirements have been the subjects of our letters to you in previous inspection reports. Most recently in our letter to you dated March 27, 1997, transmitting inspection report No. 50-315/316/97002(DRP), we expressed our concern with the frequency of procedural adherence and inadequate procedure problems. In this enclosed report we again identified that these problems still continue. The number and type of violations suggest that continued improvement needs to be made in the areas of procedural quality and adherence, corrective actions, and the ability to make timely reports.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosures, and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely,

/s/John A. Grobe for James L. Caldwell, Director Division of Reactor Projects

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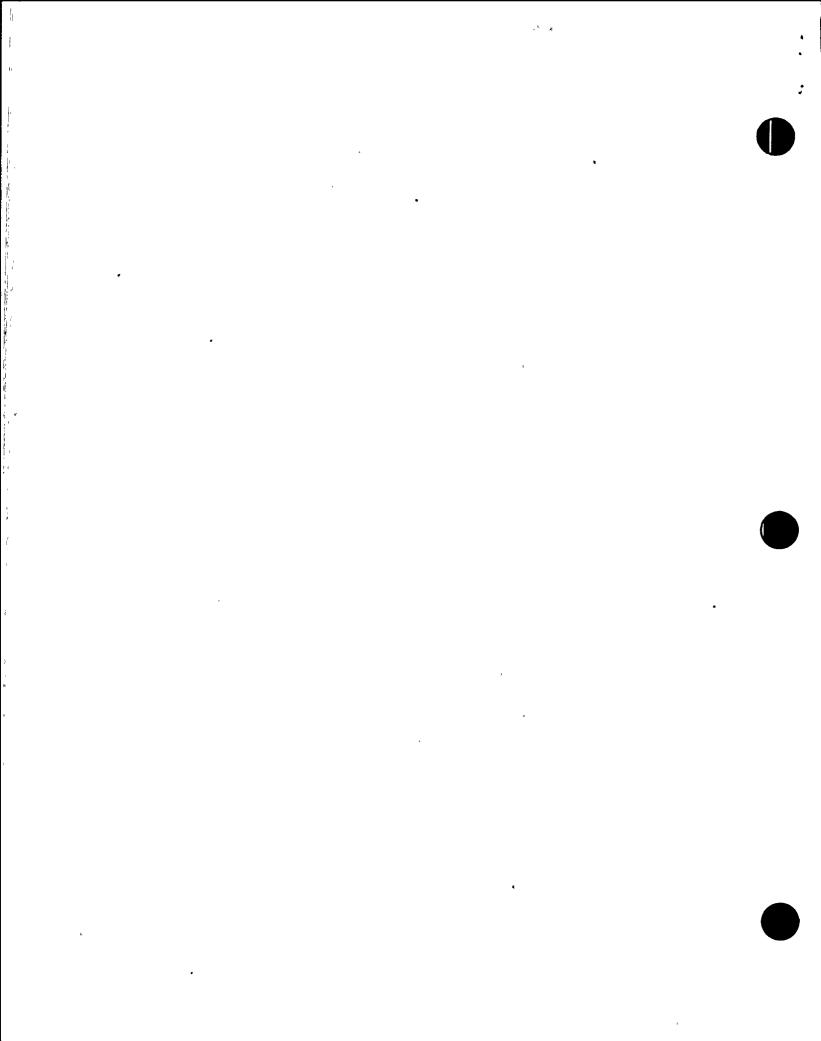
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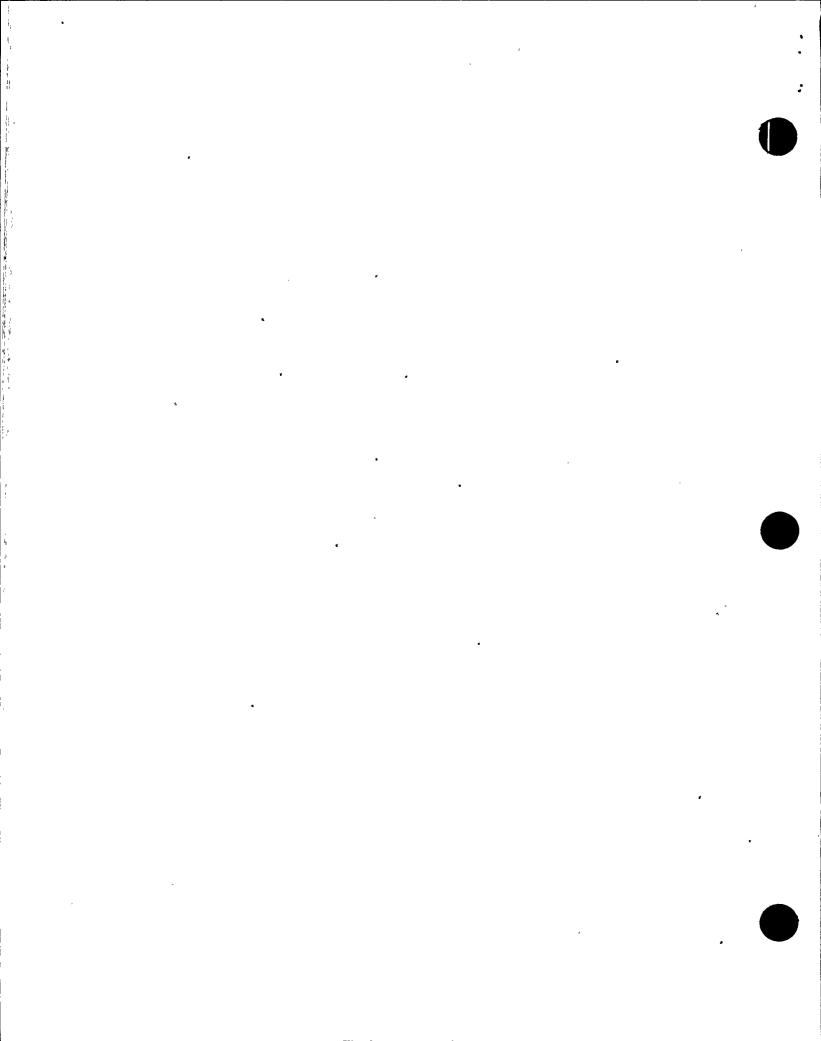
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