NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Georgia Power Company
Hatch, Units 1 and 2

Docket Nos. 50-321 and 50-366
License Nos. DPR-57 and NPF-5

During the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted on August 21-25, 1989, 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 (1989), the violation is listed below:

10 CFR 50.55a(g) requires adherence to Section XI of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code for inservice testing (IST) of pumps and valves. Technical Specification 4.0.5 also requires that the IST of ASME Code Classes 1, 2, and 3 pumps and valves be performed in accordance with Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and applicable Addenda. The licensee is committed to inservice testing in accordance with the 1980 Edition of the Code and Winter Addenda.

A. Section XI of the ASME Code, Subsection IWV-3410, requires valve stroke time corrective action based on comparing present full-stroke time test results with previous full-stroke time results.

   Contrary to the above, correct previous full-stroke time results were not used for valves E21-F001B, F004B, and F005B when they were tested on February 28, 1988. Previous full-stroke time results from November 17, 1987, were used instead of data taken after testing on November 24, 1987.

B. Section XI of the ASME Code, Subsection IWV-3520, requires check valves to be reverse flow tested.

   Contrary to the above, Unit 1 check valves E21-F044 A&B, E41-F046, and E51-F021 were not reverse flow tested during the 1988 refueling outage as specified by the licensee's IST Program.

C. Section XI of the ASME Code, Subsection IWV-3510 and Table IWV-3510-1, requires relief valves to be set point tested at specific frequencies based on the number of months since the initial startup for the 60 month cycle and the total valves in a category.

   Contrary to the above, the licensee's IST Program does not set point test relief valves in accordance with the frequencies in Table IWV-3510-1. The relief valves are set point tested in accordance with other frequencies.

The above three examples collectively constitute a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Georgia Power Company is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region II, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector, Hatch, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice. This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) admission or denial of the violation, (2) the reason for the violation if admitted, (3) the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved, (4) the corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations, and (5) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time. 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.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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