Appendix A

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Houston Lighting & Power Company

Docket No. 50-498; 50-499 CPPR-128: 129

As a result of the inspection conducted on October 27-29, 1980, and in accordance with the Interim Enforcement Policy, 45 FR 66754 (October 7, 1980), the following violation was identified:

Failure to Follow Procedures Which Prevent the Use of Nonconforming Materials

10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion V states, "Activities affecting quality shall be prescribed by documented instructions, procedures or drawings of a type appropriate to the circumstances and shall be accomplished in accordance with these instructions, procedures or drawings."

B&R Specification 2A010CS027F, paragraph 5.3.1(b) required that inprocess testing of Portland Cement be performed by the subcontractor, Pittsburgh Testing Laboratory (PTL), at the batch plant (on site).

Brown & Root (B&R) Procedure ST-QAP-15.1, Revision 1, paragraphs 3.7 and 3.8 state in part, "Whenever practical, nonconforming items are identified with hold tags (See Attachment B) to prevent further processing until dispositioned by the MRB. 'Hold' tags are removed and replaced with a 'Work Release' tag (See Attachment B) prior to the start of any rework or repair activities."

Contrary to the above:

On October 27, 1980, B&R Nonconformance Report S-C-5804 identified that samples of Portland cement are obtained by the supplier at the off-site storage location rather than on site at the batch plant and are shipped to PTL, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for testing.

On October 27, 1980, "Hold" tags were not placed on cement bins to prevent further processing of the cement until the B&R Nonconformance Report S-C-5804 could be dispositioned by the B&R Materials Review Board (MRB) and as a result, concrete placement MEI-W047-04B (6 cubic yards) was placed on October 28, 1980.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement II).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Houston Lighting & Power Company is hereby required to submit to this office within twenty-five days of the date of this Notice, a written statement or explanation in reply, including: (1) the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved; (2) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations; and (3) the date when full compliance will be

achieved. Under the authority of Section 182 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, this response shall be submitted under oath or affirmation.

Dated 12-17-80

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