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Columbus Southern Power Co.
ATTN: P. Splawnyk
Vice President
215 Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215

License No. 34-18994-01
Docket No. 030-17622

Dear Mr. Splawnyk:

This refers to your letter dated August 2, 1994, in response to our letter dated July 7, 1994, transmitting a Notice of Violation.

We have reviewed your corrective actions, which appear to be adequate, and have no further questions at this time.

We acknowledge your report of an unauthorized transfer of a nickel-63 detector cell to the Muskingum River Plant. After reviewing this incident, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. The violation involves the unauthorized transfer of a nominal 15 millicuries of nickel-63, and is described in the enclosed Notice of Violation. This is a repeat violation. Your unauthorized transfer of a detector cell containing 15 millicuries of Nickel-63 in February, 1994 resulted in the loss of licensed material.

The NRC normally classifies this violation at a Severity III in accordance with Section IV. B. of the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C. However, because you no longer possess licensed material and do not intend to possess any in the future, this violation has been classified at a Severity Level IV and no reply to the violation is required. If you determine at some later date that there is a need to possess licensed material, you are hereby required to submit a written statement to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III, 801 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532-4351, within 30 days prior to receiving licensed material. This reply should be marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include: (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.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Roy J. Caniano

Roy J. Caniano, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Branch

Enclosure: Notice of
Violation

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Gattone/jaw
09/ /94
10-4-94

RIII
Holt
09/ /94
10/4/94

yes
RIII
DeFayette
09/ /94
10/6/94

RIII
Caniano
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