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Inspection identified three violations and three unresolved items that are typical of poor management at AMMRC. No specific hazard to personnel was found.

One violation was repetitive in that a citation for violation of TS requirements on cathodic protection was made on the preceding inspection and again this time. In view of the 1997 expiration date for License No. R-65, the cathodic protection seems fairly important to minimize below-grade corrosion on the containment shell. Corrosion is already extensive.

Dr. Gorum seemed inclined to take reasonable action however, the general attitude of other personnel is that funding is very tight.

There was talk of changing Technical Specifications to reduce surveillance requirements, and possibly decommissioning the reactor.

I believe that an annual follow-up is necessary to get the outstanding items resolved for this facility.

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