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Docket No. 50-312

Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station
Sacramento Municipal Utility District
14440 Twin Cities Road
Herald, California 95638-9799

Attention: Mr. J. Shetler, Deputy Assistant General Manager, Nuclear

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF VIOLATION
NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-312/93-02

During the period of March 30-April 1, 1993, and telephone conversations held on April 12-20, 1993, Messrs. M. Cillis and R. Brewer of this office conducted a special inspection of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-54. The purpose of the inspection was to review the results of your investigation in response to an NRC concern that was brought to your attention during an NRC inspection conducted on October 19-22, 1992. The concern involved possible incomplete or inaccurate plant records. The findings of the inspection were discussed with yourself and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection on April 1, 1993.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appear to be in Violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). Two violations were identified. The first violation involved your identification that records documented by members of the plant staff were incomplete or inaccurate.

The NRC is concerned about the apparent misconduct on the part of the plant personnel involved with those records. Because the NRC must be able to rely on the professionalism and integrity of personnel who perform safety-related activities, including log taking and record keeping, such misconduct cannot be tolerated. Therefore, the NRC is issuing the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) to document that concern and to emphasize your management's responsibility to assure that your records are complete and accurate. However, after considering the facts of this case, and the corrective actions taken (both disciplinary action against the offending individual and program upgrades), the NRC has decided not to assign a severity level to the violations, nor require a response to the Notice.

In the future, similar violations may result in escalated enforcement action. In addition, enforcement action can be taken against not only the facility

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licensee for the inaccurate or incomplete information (see 10 CFR 50.9(a)), but also against any individual who engages in deliberate misconduct that causes, or but for detection, would have caused a licensee to be in violation of a requirement for providing accurate information to you or the NRC (see 10 CFR 50.5).

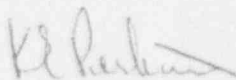
During the inspection questions were raised concerning the truthfulness of two of your employees in response to questions asked by the inspector. This issue was the subject of an investigation by the Office of Investigation. A copy of the synopsis of the investigation is attached.

A second violation involving the qualification of a Radiation Protection and Decommissioning Technician (RP&DT) was also identified. However, this violation is not being cited because the criteria specified in Section VII.B of the Enforcement Policy were satisfied.

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

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



K. E. Perkins, Jr.
Acting Regional Administrator

Enclosure:
Notice of Violation
Inspection Report 50-312/93-02
Synopsis

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