

APPENDIX A

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Nuclear Research Reactor

Docket No. 50-124
License No. R-62

As a result of the inspection conducted on November 17-19, 1982, and in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy, 47 FR 9987 (March 9, 1982), the following violations were identified.

- A. Technical Specification 8.2.2 requires that the Radiation Safety Committee be responsible for the review of conformity of operations with Technical Specifications. This requirement is implemented by the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Radiation Safety Manual, which requires that the Reactor Safety Committee be responsible for assuring that an annual audit of reactor operations is performed.

Contrary to the above, the requirement for review of conformity of operations with Technical Specifications was not met in that the annual audit of reactor operations required by the VPI Radiation Safety Manual was not performed for 1981.

This is a Severity Level V Violation (Supplement I).

- B. Technical Specification 8.2.5 requires the Radiation Safety Committee to review changes in the facility or procedures to determine if they constitute an unreviewed safety question.

Contrary to the above, the Radiation Safety Committee has not performed the required review of procedure IV.15, in that procedure IV.15., which permits manual withdrawal of a control rod for drop time measurement testing, had not been evaluated for unmonitored and unmeasured reactivity input rate that could reduce the margin of safety of Technical Specification.

This is a Severity Level IV Violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, you are hereby required to submit to this office within thirty days of the date of this Notice, a written statement or explanation in reply, including: (1) admission or denial of the alleged violations; (2) the reasons for the violations if admitted; (3) the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved; (4) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations; and (5) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Consideration may be given to extending your response time for good cause shown.

Date: DEC 15 1982