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Docket Nos. 50-321 and 50-366  
License Nos. DPR-57 and NPF-5

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION  
NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-321/94-05 AND 50-366/94-05

This refers to the inspection conducted by L. Wert of this office on February 6 - March 12, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Hatch facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). We are concerned about the failure of the control room operators to promptly identify for resolution the indications of elevated temperatures on the high pressure coolant injection turbine thrust bearing. We acknowledge the good actions taken by the system engineer after he became aware of the issue. The failure of the shift supervisor to shut down the high pressure injection turbine as required by the surveillance procedure is considered a significant deficiency.

The second violation described in the enclosed Notice is similar to a violation contained in the Notice sent to you by our letter dated June 1, 1993. Recurring violations are of particular concern because the NRC expects licensees to learn from their past failures and to take effective corrective actions. Although NRC does not normally consider monetary civil penalties for Severity Level IV violations, the Enforcement Policy states that such penalties may be imposed for Severity Level IV violations that are similar to previous violations for which the licensee did not take effective corrective actions. In this case, we have decided not to hold an enforcement conference nor to impose a civil penalty because of your implementation of strong corrective actions. The personnel involved in this violation were held accountable for their actions through your discipline program. Your overall actions on procedural compliance issues have included specific discussions

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between operations personnel and the plant manager. Recent NRC inspections have noted an overall increased awareness on procedural compliance.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

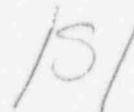
In addition, the enclosed Inspection Report identifies activities that violated NRC requirements that will not be subject to enforcement action because your efforts in identifying and/or correcting the violation meet the criteria specified in Section VII.B. of the Enforcement Policy.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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