

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

TU Electric
Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station

Docket Nos. 50-445 and 50-446
License No. NPF-87
EA 90-169

During an inspection conducted September 24-28, 1990, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1990), the violation is listed below:

Technical Specification 3.6.1.3 is applicable in Modes 1, 2, 3, and 4, and states, in part, that each containment air lock shall be OPERABLE with both doors closed except when the air lock is being used for normal transit entry and exit through the containment, then at least one air lock door shall be closed. Technical Specification 3.6.1.3 further states, in part, that with the containment air lock inoperable, maintain at least one air lock door closed; restore the inoperable air lock to operable status within 24 hours or be in at least hot standby within the next 6 hours and in cold shutdown within the following 30 hours.

Contrary to the above, from September 24, 1990, to approximately 8:00 p.m. on September 26, 1990, with Comanche Peak Unit 1 in Mode 1, the Unit 1 containment personnel air lock was in an inoperable condition due to the inner air lock door equalizing valve being in the open position. With the Unit 1 containment personnel air lock in an inoperable condition, at least one air lock door was not maintained closed, in that on September 26, 1990, for approximately 20 minutes, the air lock outer door was opened while the inner door was, in effect, open as a result of the equalizing valve being in the open position. Furthermore, Comanche Peak Unit 1 failed to proceed to hot standby and cold shutdown, even though the inoperable air lock was not restored to operable status within 24 hours (the air lock was functionally inoperable for approximately 50 hours).

This is a Severity Level III violation (Supplement 1).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, TU Electric is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (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. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order may be issued to show cause why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action

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as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time. Under the authority of Section 182 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 2232, this response shall be submitted under oath or affirmation.


Robert D. Martin
Regional Administrator

Dated at Arlington, Texas
this 4th day of December 1990