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Docket Nos. 50-348,50-364
License Nos. NPF-2 and NPF-8

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-348/90-33 AND 50-364/90-33)

This refers to the inspection conducted by G. F. Maxwell of this office on November 10 through December 29, 1990. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Farley 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. We are concerned about the violation because adequate procedures were not in-place to ensure that the plant could be maintained in a safe condition, while in mid-loop operation. The shift supervisor was required to take prompt action to mitigate what he perceived to be an unsafe plant condition because of these procedural inadequacies.

In addition to the need for corrective action regarding the specific matters identified in the enclosed Notice, we are concerned about the implementation of your procedural controls that permitted this situation to develop. Please address the measures you are taking to assure that similar inadequacies do not exist in all procedures which may effect mid-loop operations.

In accordance with Section 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.

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The responses directed by this letter and its enclosures 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,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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