

APPENDIX A
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

The Catholic University of America
Washington, District of Columbia

Docket No. 50-77
License No. R-31

During an inspection conducted on January 14-15, 1991, violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy, 1988, as amended), the violations are set forth below.

- A. Technical Specification (T.S.) 6.3.1 states, in part, that the Radiation Safety Committee is required to meet at least once each calendar quarter.

Contrary to the above, four required meetings were missed in the interval from the first quarter of 1988 through the last quarter of 1990.

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

- B. T.S. 6.3.4 requires, in part, that audits be performed at least once per 12 months under the cognizance of the Radiation Safety Committee of the conformance to T.S. requirements. In addition, audits of the Facility Emergency Plan and the Facility Security Plan are required at least once per 24 months.

Contrary to the above, no audits were done for the interval from January 1988 through December 1990.

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

- C. T.S. 4.3.c requires, in part, that a quarterly inventory and physical appearance check of fuel in the safe be performed. T.S. 6.7.1.d requires records be retained of this surveillance activity.

Contrary to the above, no records of quarterly inventory and surveillance of the fuel in the safe were available for the time interval from January 1988 through December 1990.

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

- D. T.S. 4.3.a requires, in part, a yearly operational test of the fire alarm in the reactor area.

Contrary to the above, the fire alarm was not tested during 1990.

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

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- E T.S. 4.3.b requires, in part, that a quarterly inspection of physical barriers (door locks and safe locks) be performed. T.S. 6.7.1.d requires records be retained of this surveillance activity.

Contrary to the above, no records of quarterly inspections of physical barriers were available for the time interval from January 1988 through December 1990.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, The Catholic University of America 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 I, 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, (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 actions as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

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