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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Georgia Power Company (EA 94- 87)
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant
Docket No. 50-424, 50-425

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$25,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$25,000 will be issued on or about June 30, 1994 to Georgia Power Company (Vogtle). This action is based on an inspection that identified five examples of failures to identify and take prompt action to correct conditions adverse to quality that led to the extended degradation of the Unit 1 piping penetration area filtration and exhaust system. The examples identified in the violation indicate that the licensee's staff was not sensitive to the need to conduct thorough reviews of changes to plant configuration, were inattentive to control board indications, and did not promptly initiate corrective action for identified deficiencies. The civil penalty was mitigated 50% each for the factors of the licensee ultimately identifying the problem, the strong corrective action taken to correct the root causes of the violation, and good prior performance (within the previous two years). The civil penalty was escalated 100% for duration because of the length of time (54 days) the system was in the degraded condition. As a result of these factors, the adjusted penalty was \$25,000.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice	June 30, 1994
Telephone Notification of Licensee	June 30, 1994

The State of Georgia will be notified.

The licensee has thirty days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC evaluation of the response, the civil penalty may be remitted, mitigated, or imposed by Order.

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