

February 3, 1995

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ATTN: Mr. J. T. Beckham, Jr.
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-321/94-31 AND 50-366/94-31)

This refers to the inspection conducted by B. Holbrook of this office on December 4, 1994 - January 7, 1995. 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). The violations are of concern because management oversight and control was lacking in several areas that dealt with contract personnel. This lack of management control resulted in several significant problems occurring during evolutions being performed by contract personnel. The first problem was the failure to provide adequate procedures which resulted in a shroud head bolt being dropped into the spent fuel pool and puncturing the liner. A second problem occurred when contract personnel did not follow approved procedures which resulted in an uncontrolled high radiation area being established without adequate controls.

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. In your response, you are also requested to include the actions to be taken to strengthen oversight and control of contract personnel. 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 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.

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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,

Original signed by
Ellis W. Merschoff, Director
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Docket Nos. 50-321 and 50-366
License Nos. DPR-57 and NPF-5

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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