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MAR 10 1995

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-458/95-01, NOTICE OF VIOLATION, AND
MANAGEMENT MEETING

This refers to the inspection conducted by W. F. Smith and the inspectors identified in the enclosed report, of this office on January 1 through February 11, 1995. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your River Bend Station facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with you and 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. The results of this inspection are documented in the enclosed report.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain licensed activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violation is of concern because it demonstrates continued problems in the planning of corrective maintenance activities. Although the personnel performing another work activity demonstrated excellent attention-to-detail and self-checking by identifying the potential to cause a reactor scram, we remain concerned that there has been insufficient attention-to-detail and self-checking by individuals involved in the planning and development of the work packages. We recognize that corrective actions to address weaknesses in your maintenance planning process have been previously identified, nevertheless, it appears these actions have not been entirely effective. In your response to this violation, you are also requested to address the specific actions that you are taking to improve the development of corrective work packages.

The inspection identified two violations that are not being cited. The first noncited violation involved your identification during routine radiation surveys of dose rates up to 4 millirem per hour in a radiologically unrestricted area, which is a violation of Technical Specification 6.11. The safety significance of this violation was mitigated by the low radiation dose rate in combination with the fact that the area of concern was inside the protected area where the general public could not gain access. In addition, your staff acted in an excellent manner by identifying and correcting the condition and its cause, without NRC intervention.

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The second noncited violation involved your staff's failure to notify the NRC Operations Center within 4 hours of declaring the high pressure core spray system inoperable. The failure to report the loss of safety function of a single train system was a violation of 10 CFR 50.72. As soon as your staff recognized the 4-hour reportability of the event, they acted promptly to transmit the report and initiate actions to prevent a recurrence. These violations are also not being cited because the criteria in paragraph VII.B.2 of Appendix C to 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," were satisfied.

The inspection also identified one unresolved item concerning the breakdown of a fire and secondary containment penetration seal from higher than expected temperatures. This issue called to question the operability of other high temperature piping penetrations, as well as the adequacy of corrective action taken during Refueling Outage 4 when the same condition existed on this penetration seal. We were specifically concerned that your staff took approximately two months to recognize and identify the failed seal and did not investigate the condition of the seal until after the resident inspector repeatedly questioned the debris deposited on the piping and structures below.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure(s), and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

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.

Attachments 3 and 4 to the enclosed inspection report contain a list of attendees and the handout for the River Bend Station performance review meeting held at the site training facility auditorium on January 10, 1995. The NRC staff found the meeting to be a beneficial exchange of information relative to the status of progress on the River Bend Long Term Performance Improvement Plan.

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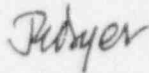
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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

for 
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1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report
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