

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Houston Lighting & Power Company  
South Texas Project

Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499  
License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80  
EA 91-068

During NRC inspections conducted on May 8 and May 22, 1991, violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Act's," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1991), the violations are listed below:

Condition 2 of the facility operating license requires Houston Lighting & Power Company to fully implement and maintain in effect all provisions of the Physical Security Guard Training and Qualifications, and Safeguards Contingency Plans previously approved by the Commission and all amendments and revisions to such plans made pursuant to the authority granted under 10 CFR 50.90 and 10 CFR 50.54(p).

Paragraph 5.3.1.1 of the Physical Security Plan (PSP) requires, in part, that all personnel entering the site shall be searched before entering the protected area for firearms by use of equipment capable of detecting such devices.

Paragraph 5.3.3.1 of the Physical Security Plan (PSP) states, in part, that all hand-carried items shall be searched by a member of the security force (either physically by hand or electronically searched by x-ray device) at the entrance of the protected area for devices such as firearms or other items which could be used for radiological sabotage.

1. Contrary to the above, on May 2, 1991, the licensee did not conduct an adequate search of a hand-carried item, a purse, at the entrance of the protected area for devices such as firearms or other items which could be used for radiological sabotage. The purse contained a loaded .32-caliber handgun which was not detected by electronic search. The purse containing the handgun was taken into the protected area.
2. Contrary to the above, on May 15, 1991, the licensee did not search hand-carried items, three folders containing procedures and computer diskettes, at the entrance of the protected area for devices such as firearms or other items that could be used for radiological sabotage. The materials were passed from one employee to another through the exit turnstiles and into the protected area.

This is a Severity Level III problem (Supplement III).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Houston Lighting & Power Company 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 IV, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector, South Texas Project, 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, and (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 action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time. Under the authority of Section 182 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 2232, this response shall be submitted under oath or affirmation.

Dated at Arlington, Texas  
this 31st day of July 1991