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EA 88-264

Louisiana Power & Light Company
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-382/88-22)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. A. B. Earnest and R. A. Caldwell of this office during the period of August 25-26, 1988, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-38 for Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3, and to the discussion of our findings with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspection involved the review of certain areas of your physical security program. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the NRC inspectors. The areas inspected and the inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

Certain of your activities were found not to have been conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements and license commitments. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1988), the Violations described in the enclosed Notice have been classified at Severity Level IV.

Violation A, described in the attached Notice of Violation, involved a degraded vital area barrier such that two of the three elements of access control were inadequate. The vital area was posted with a compensatory security officer who was later found asleep. As indicated in Supplement III of the NRC Enforcement Policy, significant violations of this type are normally classified at Severity Level III. However, after careful consideration of the facts in this case, including the facts that this was a vital area within a vital area, a guard was

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stationed inside the vital area as well as the one who was posted outside the vital area barrier and was found sleeping, and the period of vulnerability was short (approximately 3 minutes), we have exercised our judgement under the NRC Enforcement Policy and have classified this violation as Severity Level IV.

Violation B in the attached Notice of Violation involved a degraded vital area barrier. After careful consideration of the facts in this case, including the facts that the referenced barrier was a Vital II barrier (a vital area within a vital area), and that access to the barrier would have been virtually impossible due to its location and would have required knowledge of the structure, we have classified this violation at Severity Level IV.

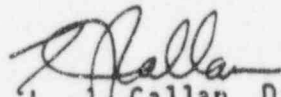
You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. Response to Violations A and B is not required. The NRC inspectors reviewed your corrective actions during the inspection, including actions to prevent recurrence, and found them extensive and appropriate. After reviewing your response to this Notice (Violation C), including your proposed corrective actions, the NRC will determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

The material enclosed herewith contains Safeguards Information as defined by 10 CFR Part 73.21 and its disclosure to unauthorized individuals is prohibited by Section 147 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. Therefore, the material, with the exception of the report cover page which is an inspection summary, will not be placed in the Public Document Room.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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

Sincerely,



L. J. Callan, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:
See attached

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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
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