

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Public Service Company of Colorado
Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station

Docket: 50-267
License: DPR-34
EA 95-110

During an investigation conducted on behalf of the licensee, and subsequently confirmed by investigations conducted by the NRC's Office of Investigations, violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedures for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600 (60 FR 34381, June 30, 1995), the violations are set forth below:

10 CFR 50.9 requires, in part, that information required to be maintained by the licensee shall be complete and accurate in all material respects.

Contrary to the above, in February, March, and September 1993, numerous required records of radiation surveys were created which were not complete and accurate in all material respects. Specifically, during February and March, 1993, 14 records which were required to support the release of material from the facility, and 20 records, which were required to support work conducted under various radiation work permits were dated and signed to falsely indicate that they had been created substantially earlier. These records also contained false information regarding survey instrument usage and calibration dates. In September 1993, a survey record supporting release of the hot service facility plug was created to indicate that the survey had been completed when in fact it had not. These records were material to the NRC because they were required to ensure compliance with the regulations in 10 CFR Part 20. (01013)

This is a Severity Level III violation (Supplement VII).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Public Service Company of Colorado 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, 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. Your response, particularly your response with regard to corrective actions called for in items (2) and (3), may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to 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 30th day of October 1995

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