

January 23, 1996

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.  
ATTN: Mr. D. N. Morey  
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-348/95-20 AND 50-364/95-20, AND  
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Morey:

This refers to the inspection conducted on November 26 through December 24, 1995 at the Farley Nuclear Plant (FNP). The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the licensee were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff listed 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 results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding it are described in detail in the subject inspection report. This violation is of concern because it involved another significant personnel error at FNP, and there were several opportunities by I&C technicians to have identified the problem earlier. We are particularly concerned regarding the persistent nature of personnel errors at FNP. During 1995 there has been at least 10 violations and 7 non-cited violations directly attributable to personnel error as the root cause.

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 specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. In addition, this response should address your plans for identifying the common causes associated with personnel errors at FNP and improving human performance. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. 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.

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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 Paper Work Reduction Act of 1980, Pub L. No. 96-511.

Sincerely

Original signed by  
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Docket Nos.: 50-348 and 50-364  
License Nos.: NPF-2 and NPF-8

Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation  
2. NRC Inspection Report

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