

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Georgia Power Company
Vogtle Nuclear Plant

Docket Nos. 50-424 and 50-425
License Nos. NPF-68 and NPF-81

During an NRC inspection conducted on August 28 through September 1, 1995, violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General State of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, the violations are listed below:

- A. 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, "Corrective Actions", as implemented by the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Operations Quality Assurance Policy Manual, Revision 12, requires, in part, that measures be established to assure that conditions adverse to quality, such as failures, malfunctions, deficiencies, defective material and equipment, are promptly identified and corrected.

Contrary to the above, the licensee failed to promptly identify and correct significant conditions adverse to quality, namely the degradation and failure of transformers in safety-related diesel generator voltage regulators. These failures are evidenced by the following examples:

1. Voltage regulator, S/N 3271, failed on March 13, 1995. The cause of the failure was determined on May 2, 1995 by the manufacturer. However, the licensee failed to take prompt corrective actions to inspect the other diesel generator voltage regulators for defective T3 transformers.
2. During the performance of Diesel Generator (DG) Operability Test for DG1A per Procedure 14980-1 on June 28, 1995, severe voltage excursions were noted. Even though conditions adverse to quality were indicated prompt corrective actions were not taken to determine the cause of the voltage excursions. The surveillance was continued and completed as satisfactory.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I)

- B. 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion XV, "Nonconforming Materials, Parts, or Components", as implemented by the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Operations Quality Assurance Policy Manual, Revision 12, requires, in part, that measures be established to control materials, parts, or components which do not conform to requirements in order to prevent their inadvertent use or installation.

Contrary to the above, on May 26, 1995, measures to control a defective voltage regulator, S/N 3271, were not clearly established to prevent its

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return to warehouse stock and subsequent issue for installation in diesel generator DG1A June 29, 1995.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Georgia Power Co. 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 II, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, 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 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 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.

Dated at Atlanta, Georgia
this 29th day of September 1995

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