

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Houston Lighting & Power Company
South Texas Project Electric Generating Station

Docket No. 50-498
License No. NPF-76
EA 96-044

During an NRC inspection conducted on January 8-22, 1996, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

Technical Specification 6.8.1 states, in part, that written procedures shall be established, implemented, and maintained covering referenced activities, including "The emergency operating procedures required to implement the requirements of NUREG-0737 and Supplement 1 to NUREG-0737 as stated in Generic Letter No. 82-33." It further requires that written procedures be established, implemented, and maintained covering the applicable procedures recommended in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, dated February 1978. Regulatory Guide 1.33 recommends, in part, that procedures for combating mispositioned control rods be established.

Emergency Operating Procedure OPOP05-E0-ES01, Revision 6, "Reactor Trip Response." Step 3, states "VERIFY All Control Rods - FULLY INSERTED." In the "Response Not Obtained" column of step 3, it further states "IF two OR more control rods NOT fully inserted, THEN emergency BORATE 3200 GALLONS of boric acid (228 ppm) for each control rod which fails to insert."

Contrary to the above, on December 18, 1995, following a reactor trip, three control rods did not fully insert and licensed operating personnel did not initiate emergency boration.(01014)

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I)(498/9612-02).

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, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas 76011, 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 a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why

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