

June 10, 1996

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-321/96-06 AND 50-366/96-06 AND
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted on March 31, 1996 through May 11, 1996, at the Hatch facility. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license 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 identified 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 the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that violations of NRC Requirements occurred. These violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding them are described in detail in the subject inspection report.

We are concerned about your controls for limiting personnel contaminations. We encourage you to thoroughly evaluate low level contamination monitoring techniques, documentation activities and corrective measures for reducing the frequency of low level contamination events at the Hatch facility.

We are also concerned about the continued poor performance in conducting Technical Specification surveillances. Previous actions to strengthen the surveillance program were not fully effective. We encourage you to evaluate your process for determining root causes of deficiencies and why your previous corrective actions were not fully effective in preventing recurrence.

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. 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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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosures, and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by P.H. Skinner)

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Docket Nos.: 50-321 and 50-366
License Nos.: DPR-57 and NPF-5

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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