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

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION  
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-424/92-30 AND 50-425/92-30)

This refers to the inspection conducted by G. MacDonald of this office on November 30 - December 5, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Vogtle facility. 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, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violations are of concern because the first violation is similar to non-cited violation NCV 50-424,425/91-19-02 issued August 1, 1991, and the second violation is of concern because it demonstrated a weakness in maintenance procedure control for the Emergency Diesel Generators that permitted this situation to develop. Consequently, your response should describe those particular actions taken or planned to improve the effectiveness of your program.

The first violation described in the enclosed Notice is similar to a non-cited violation sent to you by our letter dated August 1, 1991. Recurring violations are of particular concern because the NRC expects licensees to learn from their past failures and to take effective corrective actions. Although NRC does not normally consider monetary civil penalties for Severity Level IV violations, the Enforcement Policy states that such penalties may be imposed for Severity Level IV violations that are similar to previous violations for which the licensee did not take effective corrective action. In this case, we have decided not to hold an enforcement conference nor to propose a civil penalty because of the proper Licensee management response and the extensive investigation and troubleshooting efforts which eventually led to the determination of the root cause of the failure. In your response to the

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enclosed Notice, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. We will review your response, including your proposed corrective actions, and the results of future inspections to determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

The response 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 Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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