

APPENDIX A

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Gulf States Utilities
River Bend Station
St. Francisville, Louisiana

Docket: 50-458
License: NPF-47

During an NRC inspection conducted on July 5 through August 15, 1992, violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, the violations are listed below:

- A. Technical Specification 6.8.1 requires that "Written procedures shall be established, implemented, and maintained covering . . . the applicable procedures recommended in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, February 1978."

Regulatory Guide 1.33, Appendix A, states that "maintenance that can affect the performance of safety-related equipment should be properly preplanned and performed in accordance with written procedures, documented instructions, or drawings appropriate to the circumstances."

Contrary to the above, on July 29, 1992, maintenance was performed that affected safety-related equipment, without documented instructions, in that mechanics replaced the soft seat rings on the safety relief valve accumulator check valves without a procedure governing the torquing of the seat rings' retaining nut. The failure to properly install the seat rings could affect valve operability.

This is a Severity Level IV violation. (458/9226-02) (Supplement I)

- B. Technical Specification 4.0.5.a requires, in part, that inservice testing of ASME valves be performed in accordance with Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code.

Paragraph IWV-3522(a) of Section XI of the ASME Code states that "Valves that are normally open during plant operation and whose function is to prevent reversed flow shall be tested in a manner that proves that the disk travels to the seat promptly on cessation or reversal of flow."

Contrary to the above, the licensee's testing of the safety relief valve accumulator check valves did not verify that the disk traveled to the seat promptly in that the licensee tested for seat leakage after disassembly and reassembly of the check valves, but prior to cycling the valve open; therefore, verification of disk travel to the seat was not performed.

This is a Severity Level IV violation. (458/9226-03) (Supplement I)

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR Part 2.201, Gulf States Utilities 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, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should clearly be 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. 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 Arlington, Texas,
this 10th day of September, 1992