

December 27, 1996

EA No. 96-230

Mr. John K. Wood
Vice President - Nuclear
Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station
Centerior Service Company
5501 North State Route 2
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SUBJECT: ROUTINE RESIDENT INSPECTION AT DAVIS-BESSE (50-346/96006);
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Wood:

On October 9, 1996, the NRC completed an inspection at your Davis-Besse site. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

Activities conducted at the plant were observed to be predominantly performed in a controlled manner and in accordance with approved procedures. However, three issues associated with test control were identified by NRC inspectors that indicated a less than rigorous implementation of surveillance activities and are considered, in the aggregate, a violation of NRC requirements. Specifically: 1) a test deficiency was improperly documented and initially dispositioned, 2) inadequate adherence to test procedure requirements resulted in improper stroke timing of a containment spray valve, and 3) inadequate control of soluble plastic used on floor drains in the auxiliary building negative pressure boundary potentially invalidated one or more emergency ventilation system drawdown tests.

The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation, and the circumstances surrounding the violation are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

In addition, a followup of a plant employee's failure to properly complete required surveillance testing of emergency battery lights was conducted during this inspection. The NRC Office of Investigations (OI) had previously reviewed this matter and determined that the employee had violated 10 CFR 50.5 due to deliberate misconduct on his part. As such, a Notice of Violation was issued to the individual (who has since resigned) under separate cover. Because the problem was originally identified by your staff, and appropriate followup actions were taken by Davis-Besse, this matter was considered a non-cited violation against the facility.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely,

/s/ J. L. Caldwell

James L. Caldwell, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

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License No.: NPF-3

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