

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Duke Power Company
Catawba Nuclear Station

Docket No. 50-413
License No. MPF-35

During an NRC inspection conducted on April 27 - June 7, 1997, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with NUREG 1600 "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," the violation is listed below:

Technical Specification 6.8.1 requires that written procedures be established, implemented, and maintained covering the activities recommended in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.33, revision 2. As referenced, this includes control room alarm annunciator procedures for safety-related applications.

10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, Corrective Action, as implemented by the Duke Power Company Topical Quality Assurance Program (Duke 1-A) Amendment 20, requires that measures be established to assure that conditions adverse to quality are promptly identified and corrected.

Contrary to the above, the control room annunciator alarm response for Main Feedwater Containment Isolation Valve (CFCIV) low nitrogen actuator pressure was inadequate, in that, pressure setpoints and immediate actions commensurate with the safety significance or allowed Technical Specification Action Requirement timeframe for a potentially inoperable valve, were not adequately specified. On April 3, 1997, this contributed to the failure of the operations staff to take adequate and timely corrective actions to determine and restore operability of Unit 1 "C" CFCIV 1CF-51 following receipt of a low actuator pressure alarm. As a result, actions necessary to determine valve operability were not performed until over 17 hours later, at which time pressure was found below that necessary to ensure valve operability.

This is a Severity Level IV Violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Duke 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 II, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the Catawba Nuclear Station, 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 Demand for Information may be issued as

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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.

Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. If personal privacy or proprietary information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, then please provide a bracketed copy of your response that identifies the information that should be protected and a redacted copy of your response that deletes such information. If you request withholding of such material, you must specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld and provide in detail the bases for your claim of withholding (e.g., explain why the disclosure of information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or provide the confidential commercial or financial information). If safeguards information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21.

Dated at Atlanta, Georgia
this 7th day of July, 1997