

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.  
Hatch Units 1 and 2

Docket No. 50-321 and 366  
License No. NPF-5 and DPR-57

During an NRC inspection conducted June 9, 1997 through June 13, 1997, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG 1600, the violation is listed below:

10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI, Corrective Action, requires in part corrective actions to preclude repetition of significant conditions adverse to quality.

Contrary to the above, on June 11, 1997, improperly stored material, which had the potential to impact the performance of safety related equipment in the control room, was identified. This was a repetitive occurrence of an event which was the subject of closed Audit Finding Report 96-SA-8/28 dated August 6, 1996.

This is a Severity Level IV Violation (Supplement 1).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. 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, Hatch Nuclear Plant, 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 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. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Atlanta, Georgia  
this 17th day of July 1997

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