

## NOTICE OF VIOLATION

GPU Nuclear Corporation  
Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1

Docket No. 50-289  
License No. DPR-50

During an NRC inspection, conducted April 28, 1997, through May 16, 1997, the inspectors identified a violation of NRC requirements. According to the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," (60 FR 34381; June 30, 1995) the violation is listed below:

- A. 10 CFR 50.73.b.(2).(i), requires within a Licensee Event Report, "A clear, specific, narrative description of what occurred so that knowledgeable readers conversant with the design of commercial power plants, but not familiar with the details of a particular plant, can understand the complete event."

Contrary to the above, on April 30, 1997, Licensee Event Report (LER) 97-03, did not contain a clear, specific, narrative description of what occurred in that LER:

- (a) Did not fully describe that overpressurization of the makeup pump suction piping was a long-standing problem dating back to 1991.
- (b) Did not relate the fact that multiple pressurizations apparently occurred. The LER indicated that instrumented tests had been done, but did not describe the tests nor the repeated failures of gages, in any detail.
- (c) Failed to address the design basis implications for potential overpressurization of the suction piping.

The above is Severity Level IV Violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, GPU Nuclear Corporation 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 I, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, 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: (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 a 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 a 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 King of Prussia, Pennsylvania  
this 23rd day of July, 1997