

September 10, 1998

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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-424/98-06 AND 50-425/98-06  
AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Beasley:

On August 15, 1998, the NRC completed an inspection at your Vogtle Units 1 and 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the 7-week period, your conduct of activities at the Vogtle facility was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations, sound engineering and maintenance practices, and appropriate radiological work controls.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that three violations of NRC requirements occurred. The violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding them are described in the subject inspection report. One violation involved failure to implement adequate corrective actions for repeated failures to enter applicable Technical Specification Limiting Conditions for Operation.

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violations, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct each violation and prevent recurrence is already adequately addressed in this inspection report. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter unless the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to provide additional information, you should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice.

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Sincerely,

(Original signed by  
Pierce H. Skinner)

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Docket Nos. 50-424 and 50-425  
License Nos. NPF-68 and NPF-81

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Integrated Inspection Report  
50-424/98-06, 50-425/98-06

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