

In Reply Refer To:
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Public Service Company of Colorado
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs R. E. Farrell, P. W. Michaud, and R. P. Mullikin of this office and K. L. Heitner of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation during the period March 1-31, 1988, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License DPR-34 for Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station, and to the discussion of our findings with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included followup of licensee action on previously identified findings, operational safety verification, review of the 10 CFR Part 21 reports, licensee action on licensee event reports, engineered safety features (ESF) walkdown, region peaking factor surveillance, 10 CFR 50.59 safety evaluations, monthly surveillance observation, monthly maintenance observation, radiological protection, and monthly security observation. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, it was found that certain of your activities were in violation of NRC requirements. Consequently, you are required to respond to these violations, in writing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Your response should be based on the specifics contained in the Notice of Violation enclosed with this letter.

This inspection identified three violations. Two of these violations involve failure to follow procedures and the other involves inadequate procedures. Recent previous inspections have identified similar violations. Your response to these violations should address the recurring nature of these violations and the programmatic actions being taken to prevent future violations of this nature in all activities related to Ft. St. Vrain. In addition, you should consider a complete review of your Change Notice development process as a result of weaknesses identified in your program. Incomplete references and incomplete documentation were discovered by the NRC inspectors in the Change Notice process as a result of the review of the 10 CFR 50.59 safety evaluations.

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We have also examined actions you have taken with regard to previously identified inspection findings. The status of these items is identified in paragraph 2 of the enclosed report.

The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
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