

APPENDIX A

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Public Service Company of Colorado
Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station

Docket: 50-267
Operating License: DPR-34

During an NRC inspection conducted on April 1-30, 1988, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. The violation involved operation without an approved procedure. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1988), the violation is listed below:

Deficient Procedure

Licensee Technical Specification AC 7.4.a.1 requires, in part, that applicable procedures be established and implemented for activities recommended in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, November 1972. Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, November 1972, requires procedures for startup, operation, and shutdown of safety-related systems.

Contrary to the above, neither System Operating Procedure 23, Issue 31, "Helium Purification System," nor System Operating Procedure 25, Issue 13, "Nitrogen System," address the valve manipulations required to fill the liquid nitrogen storage tank. This lack of procedural guidance contributed to misoperation of nitrogen storage valves that, in turn, resulted in an unplanned release of radioactivity on April 26, 1988.

This is a Severity Level IV violation. (Supplement I.D.)(267/8810-01)

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Public Service Company of Colorado is hereby required to submit to this office within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice, a written statement or explanation in reply, including for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation if admitted, (2) the corrective steps which have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Arlington, Texas,
this 10th day of June 1988.