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Docket Nos. 50-348, 50-364  
License Nos. NPF-2 and NPF-8  
EA 86-111

Alabama Power Company  
ATTN: Mr. R. P. McDonald  
Senior Vice President  
P. O. Box 2641  
Birmingham, AL 35291

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION  
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-348/86-10 AND 50-364/86-10)

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted by Mr. W. Bradford at the Farley facility on April 11 - May 10 and June 3, 1986. The inspections included a review of the circumstances surrounding unauthorized system lineup and tagging of one train of the Residual Heat Removal (RHR) system. As a result of this inspection, significant failures to comply with NRC regulatory requirements were identified. The NRC's concerns were discussed by Dr. J. Nelson Grace, Regional Administrator, NRC, Region II, with you and your staff, in an Enforcement Conference held on June 3, 1986.

Item I.A involves the isolation of one train of the Unit 1 RHR system for a period of 96 hours, exceeding the Limiting Condition for Operation limit of 72 hours as defined in Technical Specification 3.5.2. Item I.B involves actions by a Shift Foreman Inspector who, while attempting to restore a found hold order tag to its proper place on the Unit 2 breaker, went to the wrong unit, noticed the breaker was not open as the tag indicated, opened Unit 1 FV-B5 breaker for motor operated valve (MOV) 8811-B, and hung the Unit 2 hold order tag on the Unit 1 breaker. This action rendered Train "B" of the Unit 1 RHR system inoperable while the plant was in Mode 1. In addition, control room personnel are supposed to confirm the status of safety components during each shift by reviewing control board indicating lights during shift change walkdowns. Even though no indicating lights were illuminated for the MOV, the affected Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) subsystem remained inoperable through 12 shift changes before its status was discovered.

In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1986), Item I described in the enclosed Notice has been classified as a Severity Level III problem. Normally, a civil penalty is considered for a Severity Level III problem. However, after consultation with the Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, I have decided that a civil penalty will not be proposed in this case because of your

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prior good performance in the general area of concern. We note that you have issued several incident reports and licensee event reports in 1985 and 1986 involving work on the wrong unit or wrong train, safety-related tagging errors, and work order errors, and we are concerned that this situation has developed in such a way that a significant Technical Specification violation occurred. Consequently, your response should describe those particular actions taken or planned for improving your performance in this area.

Item II, which involves a fire door that was found blocked open without a posted firewatch or an hourly patrol established, has been categorized as a Severity Level IV violation.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and its enclosures are 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 letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
J. Nelson Grace

J. Nelson Grace  
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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