

NOTICE OF DEVIATION

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc.
Vogtle Electric Generating Plant
Units 1 and 2

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

During an NRC inspection conducted June 23 through 27, 1997 a deviation was identified from commitments you made as part of the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR). In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the deviation is listed below:

UFSAR, Revision 6, Section 17.2.1.1.1.7.F states the Safety Review Board (SRB) shall be responsible for reviewing significant operating abnormalities or deviations from normal and expected performance of plant equipment that affect nuclear safety. Section 17.2.1.1.1.7.H also states the SRB shall review all recognized indications of an unanticipated deficiency in some aspect of design or operation of structures, systems, or components that could affect nuclear safety.

Contrary to the above, during SRB meetings conducted on December 18, 1996 and April 30, 1997, incidents or events associated with UFSAR Sections 17.2.1.1.1.F and H were not reviewed unless they also resulted in an audit finding, event report, violation, or special report.

Please provide to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region II, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the Vogtle facility, in writing within 30 days of the date of this Notice, (1) the reason for the deviation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the deviation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further deviations, and (4) the date when your corrective action will be completed. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Dated at Atlanta, Georgia,
this 14th day of August 1997

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