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NRC STAFF PROPOSES TO MODIFY
ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST GEORGIA POWER COMPANY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff is proposing to modify an enforcement action first proposed against Georgia Power Company in May of last year.

The action was taken as the result of an investigation by the NRC's Office of Investigations into allegations that Georgia Power officials had made false statements to the NRC regarding the reliability of emergency diesel generators at the Vogtle nuclear power plant. The allegations came in the wake of a Site Area Emergency which was declared at the Vogtle site in March 1990 when offsite power was lost and the only emergency diesel generator that was available failed.

As a result, five instances were identified where the staff believed that Georgia Power failed to provide information to the NRC that was complete and accurate in all material respects and a \$200,000 fine was proposed.

In addition, three Demands for Information were issued to help the staff determine whether additional enforcement actions were necessary in regard to six individuals involved in the violations.

After considering the utility's response to the original Notice of Violation, the staff has concluded that four of the five identified violations occurred as stated and, together, continue to constitute a Severity Level II concern (on a scale where Level I is the most severe and Level V the least severe) and still proposes a \$200,000 fine.

Georgia Power and Southern Nuclear Operating Company have agreed not to appoint one of the six individuals involved to a line-management position in NRC-licensed nuclear power plants until satisfactory completion of a personal training program and to provide the NRC with 60 days notice prior to the individual's assumption of such a position. No further enforcement action will be taken in regard to the other five individuals.