

## NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Southern Nuclear Operating Company  
Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2

Docket Nos.: 50-348 and 50-364  
License Nos.: NPF-2 and NPF-8

During a NRC inspection conducted on October 13 through November 23, 1996, violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violations are listed below:

- A. The approved Farley Nuclear Plant Security Plan, Revision 32, Section 4.4.2, requires searching all vehicles, materials and packages prior to entering the protected area (PA), with certain exceptions established as Categories I through IV. Categories I and III would allow material, vehicles or packages to enter the PA without being searched as long as they are under continuous direct observation or positive controls are put in place.

Contrary to the above, on October 10, 1996, at about 4:00 p.m., security guards failed to search a Westinghouse sludge lance trailer prior to allowing it to enter the PA. Although a security guard escorted the trailer into the PA, he relinquished direct observation of the trailer shortly thereafter without establishing any positive controls (e.g., securing access to trailer with a lock). A dayshift security guard returned to the trailer on the following day and conducted a search at that time.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement III).

- B. Technical Specification (TS) 6.11 requires, in part, that procedures for personnel radiation protection be prepared consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 20 and be approved, maintained, and adhered to for all operations involving personnel radiation exposure.

Procedure FNP-O-M-001, Health Physics Manual, Revision (Rev.) 12, effective July 14, 1996, Section 6.4 requires any entry into the radiologically controlled area (RCA) to be governed by a radiation work permit (RWP).

RWP-096-0081, Waste Processing, requires for health physics support (HPS) personnel to use standard labcoat dressout, which included proper hand and shoe covers, for operation of the automatic laundry monitor (ALM) sending and receiving side.

RWP-096-0196, Special Plant Maintenance, effective October 1, 1996, requires standard coveralls dressout for entry into contaminated areas where kneeling or crawling across equipment or structures is necessary.

Contrary to the above, workers within the RCA failed to follow RWP procedures in that on October 24, 1996, a worker performing maintenance

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activities was observed kneeling and crawling within an area posted as contaminated without the required coverall dressout; and on October 26, 1996, a HPS individual was observed operating the ALM without the required hand and shoe protective clothing.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement IV).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Southern Nuclear Operating Company is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation 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, Farley Nuclear Plant, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Atlanta, Georgia  
this 23rd day of December 1996