

November 1, 1996

Mr. Charles H. Cruse
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Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant
1650 Calvert Cliffs Parkway
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SUBJECT: COMBINED NRC REGION I INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-317/96-09 AND
50-318/96-09 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Cruse:

This report transmits the findings of the safety inspection conducted by NRC inspectors at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant from August 12 to September 6, 1996. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection. At the conclusion of the inspection, these findings were discussed with Mr. P. G. Chabot of your staff.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter and were selected in order to ensure that your facility is operated with due regard for the public health and safety. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors. Overall, the NRC has concluded that your facility was operated in a safe manner. However, a weakness was observed in the area of management controls applied to the engineering design change, modification, and maintenance programs.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that one violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding it are described in detail in the attached inspection report.

The violation pertains to an unauthorized modification to the Auxiliary Feedwater pump base guide blocks. These guide blocks were changed from welded to an unwelded design affecting the seismic qualification of the equipment. This modification was implemented without a proper design change review and/or approval.

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 include any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Modes, Chief
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Division of Reactor Safety

Docket License Nos. 50-317/DPR-53
 50-318/DPR-69

Enclosure:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Combined Inspection Report Nos. 50-317/96-09
and 50-318/96-09

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