

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Southern Nuclear Operating Company
Farley Nuclear Plant, Unit 1

Docket No.: 50-348
License No.: NPF-2

During an NRC inspection conducted during the period January 5 through February 15, 1997, 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. Technical Specifications (TS) 6.8.1.a requires that applicable written procedures recommended in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, dated February 1978, shall be established, implemented, and maintained. Regulatory Guide 1.33, Appendix A, Section 8.b recommends specific procedures for surveillance tests listed in the TS.

FNP-1-STP-124.0, Penetration Room Filtration Performance Test, Revision 11, implements the testing requirements of TS surveillance requirement 4.7.8.b.3.

FNP-1-STP-124.0, step 5.0, describes the "Precautions and Limitations" and step 6.0 describes the "Initial Conditions" for the surveillance.

FNP-1-STP-124.0, step 5.4, states "Prior to performing visual inspection of a filtration unit insure that the associated filtration unit fans are de-energized and tagged to prevent starting."

FNP-1-STP-124.0, step 7.4, states, in part, "Perform a visual inspection of the applicable components of the system to be tested The inspection check list of Data Package STP-124.0A and are to be used for performing the inspection and indicating items found satisfactorily checked."

Contrary to the above, on January 25, 1997, the test engineer failed to comply with the procedural requirements of FNP-1-STP-124.0 during performance testing of the Unit 1 Penetration Room Filtration system Train A. The following are specific examples:

1. The engineer had signed off step 7.4 as complete even though the internal visual inspection of Data Package STP-124.0A had not been performed.
2. The system was not tagged out as required by step 5.4 prior to performing the visual inspection.

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3. The engineer did not sign off steps 5.0 (All precautions and limitations have been read and understood) and 6.0 (All initial conditions are satisfied) prior to commencing the test.

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

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 17th day of March 1997