

July 17, 1997

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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-321/97-06 AND 50-366/97-06 AND  
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Sumner:

On June 13, 1997, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an inspection of the corrective action program at your Hatch Units 1 and 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

The inspection revealed that the corrective action program at the facility is fundamentally sound. The procedures reviewed by the inspectors were detailed and most of the issues examined by the inspectors were appropriately dispositioned. However, several minor deficiencies were identified by the inspectors and are documented in the enclosed report. Individually, these deficiencies were minor; however, given the relatively limited number of issues examined, the number of deficiencies is potentially troubling.

In addition, a violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice), and the circumstances surrounding the violation are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosures, and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by Bobby L. Holbrook for  
Pierce H. Skinner)

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report 50-321/97-06, 50-366/97-06

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