

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

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

Docket No.: 50-348, 50-364
License No.: NPF-2, NPF-8

During an NRC inspection conducted during the period January 11 through February 21, 1998, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, this violation is listed below:

Technical Specifications 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 7.e(4) recommends Radiation Protection procedures specifically for contamination control.

FNP-0-M-001, Health Physics Manual, Revision 13, dated July 14, 1995, paragraph 6.4.2, required that, materials being removed from a contaminated area must be either 1) surveyed by Health Physics personnel as they are being removed from the area, or 2) placed in a Radioactive Materials bag and transported to an appropriate location to be surveyed. Paragraph 6.10 stated "Step off pads (SOP's) will be provided at points where protective clothing is to be removed."

FNP-0-M-001, Revision 14, dated February 23, 1998, paragraph 6.10, stated, in part, that SOPs are normally provided at points where protective clothing is normally expected to be removed.

Contrary to the above:

1. On February 3, 1998, while performing maintenance on the 1A centrifugal charging pump, maintenance personnel violated the requirements of FNP-0-M-001, Revision 13, in that they removed materials from the contaminated area around the 1A centrifugal charging pump without HP personnel surveying the materials or placing them in a Radioactive Materials bag. In addition, they did not remove their protective clothing at the provided SOP.
2. On February 24, 1998, while performing maintenance on the 2B centrifugal charging pump, maintenance personnel violated the requirements of FNP-0-M-001, Revision 14, in that they only removed the rubber overshoes prior to stepping onto the SOP.

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

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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 March 1998