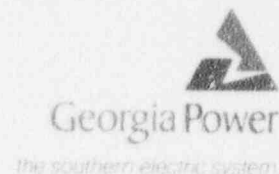


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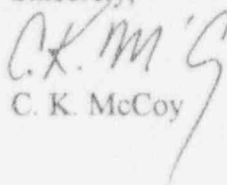
Ladies and Gentlemen:

**VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT  
REPLY TO A NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.201, Georgia Power Company submits the enclosed information in response to a violation identified in Inspection Reports 50-424;425/94-24 which concerns the inspection conducted from September 19-23, 1994.

Should you have any questions feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

  
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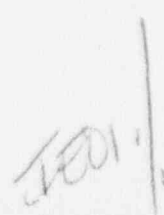
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## ENCLOSURE

### VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT - UNIT 1 REPLY TO A NOTICE OF VIOLATION NRC INSPECTION REPORTS 50-424;425/94-24

The following is a transcription of the violation as cited in the Notice of Violation (NOV):

" During the NRC inspection conducted on September 19 - 23, 1994, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedures for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, the violation is listed below:

10 CFR 50 Appendix B, Criterion V, Instructions, Procedures, and Drawings, as implemented by the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Operation Quality Assurance Policy Manual, Revision 12, requires, in part, that activities affecting quality shall be prescribed by documented procedures ..... and shall be accomplished in accordance with these procedures ...

Paragraph 11.2 of Magnetic Particle Examination procedure No. MT-V-505, Revision 3, states that, broad areas of particle suspension accumulation are unacceptable, and those areas shall be cleaned and reexamined.

Contrary to the above, on September 21, 1994 a magnetic particle examiner was observed performing a magnetic examination on the pressurizer skirt weld without removing residual buildup of MT particles left by the previous overlapping inspection in the other direction.

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

#### RESPONSE TO VIOLATION (50-424;425/94-24-01)

##### Admission or Denial of the Violation:

This violation occurred as stated in the notice of violation.

##### Reason for the Violation:

This violation was attributed to a cognitive personnel error on the part of a contracted inservice inspection (ISI) technician that failed to follow the requirements of procedure MT-V-505 while performing a magnetic particle (MT) examination on a vertical weld on the pressurizer skirt.

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#### Corrective Steps Which Have Been Taken and the Results Achieved:

The involved individual has been counseled on his failure to adhere to procedural requirements and was immediately restricted from performing any other MT examinations.

All contract ISI technicians were briefed on this violation and the importance of procedural adherence. It was stressed that the responsible GPC supervisor should be contacted if there is any confusion or question regarding ISI examination techniques.

#### Corrective Steps Which Will Be Taken to Avoid Further Violations:

For future refueling outages, site specific procedure reviews will be conducted with the contract ISI technicians prior to the start of ISI activities. These reviews will cover procedural requirements and the importance of adhering to these requirements.

#### Date When Full Compliance Will Be Achieved:

Full compliance was achieved on September 21, 1994 when the pressurizer skirt weld was successfully re-examined using the proper techniques as delineated in procedure MT-V-505, paragraph 11.2.