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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV
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Docket No. 50-382
License No. NPF-38

Entergy Operations, Inc.
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-382/92-26 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. E. J. Ford and Ms. J. L. Dixon-Herrity of this office, on October 18 through November 28, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3, facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations of the activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). We are concerned about the violation because it indicates a significant weakness in your consumable chemical control program. The use of an unapproved cleaner in the control room disabled several control switches. Fortunately, this occurred while the unit was in cold shutdown when the affected equipment was not required to be operable. Under different plant conditions, there could have been a significant impact on safety-related equipment required to mitigate accident scenarios.

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 any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. 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 is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice is not

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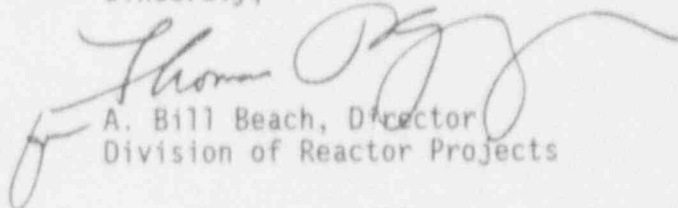
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subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



A. Bill Beach, Director
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - NRC Inspection Report
50-382/92-26 w/attachment

cc w/enclosures:

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