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Georgia Power has been fined two-hundred-thousand dollars by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The NRC fined the big utility for reportedly giving it inaccurate and incomplete information about the reliability of the generators at one of Georgia Powers' nuclear plants. The NRC does not accuse anyone of lying but it does say six Georgia Power officials are guilty of what it calls "individual performance failures."

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:N-R-C Fines Georgia Power \$200,000 in Plant Vogtle Case

: (Washington) -- The Nuclear Regulatory Commission levied a
:200-thousand-dollar fine today against Georgia Power Company in a
:case involving the Vogtle nuclear plant near Waynesboro.

: The proposed fine follows an lengthy investigation into
:allegations that Georgia Power managers lied to the N-R-C regarding
:the reliability of backup generators at Vogtle following an
:accident at the plant four years ago.

: After a power outage in 1990, backup generators failed to come
:on. Before power was restored 36 minutes later, the temperature of
:the reactor cooling system increased by 50 degrees.

: After the accident, the N-R-C ordered the plant's nuclear
:reactors shut down until the backup generators were operating
:properly.

: A former manager at the plant -- Allen Mosbaugh -- later accused
:Georgia Power managers of lying to the N-R-C about the reliability
:of the generators in order to restart the plant.

: To back up his allegations, Mosbaugh provided the N-R-C with
:more than 200 tape recordings of conversations between Georgia
:Power officials that he had secretly recorded.

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Regulators - Georgia Power -2-: For Vogtle Plant Incident

ATLANTA -DJ- The Nuclear Regulatory Commission proposed fining Georgia Power Co. \$200,000 for supplying allegedly inaccurate and incomplete information related to the reliability of diesel generators at the company's Vogtle power plant in Georgia.

In a press release, the NRC said it will also issue demands for information to Georgia Power regarding "individual performance failures" of six officials to help the NRC determine whether additional enforcement actions are necessary.

Georgia Power is a unit of Southern Co. (SO). A spokesman for Southern was not immediately available for comment.

The NRC said its action stems from allegations received in June 1990 that Georgia Power management made false statements to the NRC regarding the reliability of the generators at Vogtle.

The NRC said the company declared a site area emergency in March 1990 during a refueling outage at Vogtle 1 when offsite power was lost concurrent with the failure of the only diesel generator then available.

The NRC said Georgia Power agreed not to return Vogtle 1 to power until its Region II administrator was satisfied the plant could do so safely. The NRC said the company made an oral presentation in Region II offices in April 1990 addressing diesel generator reliability, and the NRC granted permission for the unit to return to operation shortly thereafter.

After it received the allegations, the NRC said it concluded five violations occurred, and said the proposed penalty cites "repeated failures of the company to provide complete and accurate information related to successful starts, failures or problems occurring with the diesel generators."

The NRC said Georgia Power has 30 days to pay the proposed fine or protest it, and to admit or deny the violations.

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