

SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION

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Docket Nos. 50-327, 50-328
License Nos. DPR-77, DPR-79
EA 85-67

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Tennessee Valley Authority
ATTN: Mr. H. G. Parris
Manager of Power and Engineering
500A Chestnut Street Tower II
Chattanooga, TN 37401

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION: EA 85-67
(INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-327/85-19 AND 50-328/85-19)

This refers to the special inspection conducted on May 8, 1985, at the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant to review the circumstances which led to an opening in a vital area barrier being unprotected for a period of forty-one minutes. This event, resulted from the inadequate communications between security personnel at the compensatory post. The violation was discovered by licensee security personnel. At the time of the violation, Unit 1 was in mode five and Unit 2 was in mode four. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) concerns were discussed by Mr. John A. Olshinski, Deputy Regional Administrator, and Mr. James P. Darling, Director, Office of Nuclear Power, Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), in an Enforcement Conference held at NRC Region II, Atlanta, Georgia, on May 15, 1985.

In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1985), the violation described in the enclosed Notice has been classified as a Severity Level III violation. Normally a civil penalty is considered for a Severity Level III violation. However, after consultation with the Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, I have decided that a civil penalty will not be proposed in this case because of your prompt identification and reporting of the violation and the unusually prompt and extensive corrective action.

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 of Violation, including your proposed corrective actions, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(d) and 10 CFR 73.21, safeguards activities and security measures are exempt from public disclosure; therefore, the enclosures to this letter, with the exception of the report cover page which presents a nonexempt summary, will not be placed in NRC's Public Document Room.

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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not 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 letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

J. Nelson Grace
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
(Safeguards Information)
2. Inspection Report Nos. 50-327/85-19,
50-328/85-19
(Safeguards Information)

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