

ENCLOSURE 1

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

General Atomics
San Diego, California

Docket No.: 70-734
License No.: SNM-696

During an NRC inspection conducted on September 16-20, 1996, one violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

Safety Condition S-23 of SNM License 696 requires the licensee to maintain and execute the response measures described in the Emergency Plan [Radiological Contingency Plan] dated August 1995 and revisions thereto.

Section 4.1.4, "Primary Support Group Emergency Response Organization," of the licensee's Radiological Contingency Plan states, in part, "Members of Emergency Response Teams are trained in those subjects deemed appropriate for their facility (such as basic first aid,, and the use of self-contained breathing apparatuses)."

Section 10.2. "Training" of the licensee's Radiological Contingency Plan requires annual training of emergency response team members, and that the annual retraining is not to exceed 15 months from the previous training.

Contrary to the above, during the period of March 23, 1995, to September 20, 1996, no annual refresher training had been given on the use of self-contained breathing apparatuses to emergency response team members designated to use such devices.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement VIII).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, General Atomics is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas 76011, and the Walnut Creek Field Office, 1450 Maria Lane, Walnut Creek, California 94596, 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 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 Arlington, Texas
this 10th day of October 1996