

October 10, 1996

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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-327/96-09 AND 50-328/96-09
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

On September 14, 1996, the NRC completed an inspection at your Sequoyah facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the period covered by this inspection period, your conduct of activities at the Sequoyah facility was generally characterized by acceptable operations, engineering, maintenance practices, and radiological work controls. We are concerned, however, about a violation of NRC requirements that was identified. Corrective actions, associated with the emergency diesel generator (EDG) starting air compressor pressure control switch failures, were considered to be untimely and inadequate. In addition, the root cause determinations for the 1995 and initial 1996 problems were considered to be weak in that they failed to identify the defective EDG compressor pressure switches.

We are also concerned that repetitive equipment problems continued to cause added operator burden and impacted maintenance resources, operation's switching and tagging resources, and day-to-day operations. Problems with plant material condition indicate weaknesses in maintenance and engineering support.

This violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice), and the circumstances surrounding the violation are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed by

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