

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Tennessee Valley Authority
Sequoyah Units 1 & 2

Docket Nos. 50-327 and 50-328
License Nos. DPR-77 and DPR-79

During an NRC inspection conducted from July 28 through September 14, 1996, a 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:

10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion XVI requires, in part, that measures shall be established to assure that conditions adverse to quality such as failures, malfunctions, and deficiencies are promptly identified and corrected.

Contrary to the above, prompt corrective action was not implemented for a condition adverse to quality. Specifically, the emergency diesel generator starting air compressors pressure control switches experienced multiple setpoint drift problems and multiple failures during 1995 and 1996, which caused multiple EDG starting air system relief valve actuations. The licensee failed to adequately pursue, properly diagnose the cause, and thus correct the condition.

This is a Severity Level IV Violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Tennessee Valley Authority 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 II, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked "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.

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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 reduction. 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 Atlanta, Georgia
this 10th day of October 1996