

December 20, 1996

Mr. Charles H. Cruse
Vice President - Nuclear Energy
Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE)
Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant
1650 Calvert Cliffs Parkway
Lusby, MD 20657 - 4702

**SUBJECT: NRC REGION I INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-317/96-08
AND 50-318/96-08 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Dear Mr. Cruse:

This letter transmits the findings of the safety inspection conducted by NRC inspectors at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant from October 20 to November 30, 1996. At the conclusion of the inspection, these findings were discussed with Mr. Katz and others of your staff.

Overall, the NRC concluded that your facility was operated in a safe manner. We noted that reactor operator response to an automatic reactor trip that occurred on November 17, 1996 was prompt, well controlled using correct procedures, and effective in ensuring the plant remained in a safe condition.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding the issue are described in detail in the attached inspection report. The violation is cited for failure to install a radiation monitoring system in the common Calvert Cliffs Units 1 and 2 new fuel storage areas. The monitoring system would alarm should an accidental criticality occur.

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 include any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. After reviewing your response to the Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, 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 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosures, and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response 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.

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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, Pub. L No. 96.511.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

Lawrence T. Doerflein, Chief
Projects Branch 1
Division of Reactor Projects

Docket/License Nos: 50-317/DPR-53
 50-318/DPR-69

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Integrated Inspection Report Nos. 50-317/96-08
and 50-318/96-08

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