

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Siemens Power Corporation, Inc.
Richland Washington

Docket No. 70-1257
License No. SNM-1227

During an NRC inspection conducted on December 2-5, 1996, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedures for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

Safety Condition S-1 of SNM License 1227 authorizes the use of licensed materials in accordance with the statements, representations, and conditions contained in Part I of the licensee's application dated October 28, 1996, and revised pages submitted with letter dated November 11, 1996.

Section 4.1.4.1, Criticality Safety Specifications, of Part I of the application, requires that Criticality Safety Limit Cards contain a concise statement of CSS [Criticality Safety Specification] or CSA [Criticality Safety Analysis] limits applicable to an operation or area.

Contrary to the above, on April 17, 1996, the licensee failed to update the posted Criticality Safety Limit Card for the UF₆ cylinder wash operation to reflect a change in the CSS limit from a "safe batch operation" to "one thirty-inch UF₆ cylinder containing less than 15 kgs UF₆."

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Siemens Power Corporation 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 copies to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, and Chief, Fuel Cycle Operations Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, NMSS, 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 previously docketed

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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 Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other actions 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. If personal privacy or proprietary information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, then please provide a bracketed copy of your response that identifies the information that should be protected and a redacted copy of your response that deletes such information. If you request withholding of such material, you must specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld, and provide in detail the bases for your claim of withholding (e.g., explain why the disclosure of information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or provide the information required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information). If safeguards information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland
this 3rd day of January 1997