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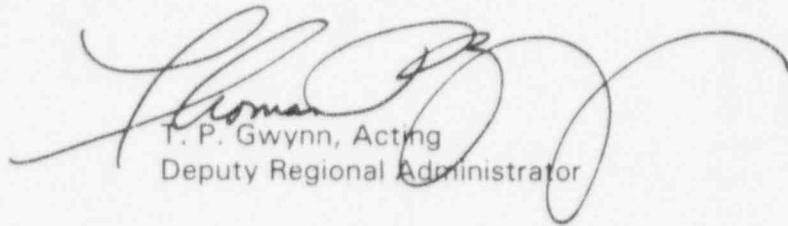
SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-416/96-11 NOTICE OF VIOLATION

We have reviewed your letter dated September 11, 1996, in response to our letter and Notice of Violation (Notice) dated August 12, 1996. After reviewing your response, NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements did occur. The Notice described that the procedures for performing emergency diesel generator tests did not require operators to monitor the governor oil level after start of the emergency diesel generators, which was contrary to available guidance. In your response, you indicated that no violation occurred because your staff had established requirements for verifying the governor oil level as required by Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, Section D.4. Specifically, operators verified the governor oil level prior to start of the emergency diesel generators. Further, your response indicated that you relied on the emergency diesel generator vendor for guidance and did not contact the governor vendor for guidance but would have expected the emergency diesel generator vendor to do so. After contacting the governor vendor, your staff determined that governor oil should be routinely verified during operation of the emergency diesel generator.

As specified in NRC Inspection Report 50-416/96-11, NRC considered the procedures inappropriate to the circumstances and a violation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion V. Further, contrary to the implications in your violation response, meeting the intent of Technical Specification 5.4.1.a (Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, Section D.4) for establishing a procedure does not eliminate the requirement in 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion V to have procedures appropriate to the circumstances. The inadequate procedure resulted because your staff had not taken actions to resolve conflicting information between the procedure guidance and the information posted on the governor until questioned by the inspectors. Specifically, although not directly available from the standby diesel generator vendor, your engineering staff had documentation available other than the sticker related to maintaining the proper governor oil level from the governor vendor. The information from the governor vendor indicated that the oil level should be maintained at the sight glass scribe mark with the engine operating, whereas your procedures required ensuring the oil level was at the mark with the engine secured. Since your operating procedures did not specify the correct conditions for ensuring proper oil level in the governor, NRC determined that the procedures were not appropriate to the circumstances.

We note that the corrective actions included in your response letter adequately address this deficiency, so no additional response is necessary.

Sincerely,



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