

October 28, 1996

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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-424/96-10, 50-425/96-10

Dear Mr. McCoy:

On September 28, 1996, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed an inspection at your Vogtle Units 1 and 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the six-week period covered by this inspection report, your conduct of activities at the Vogtle facility was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations, sound engineering and maintenance practices, and appropriate radiological work controls. However, two violations were identified. We are concerned with the violation involving the improperly positioned containment isolation valve on Unit 1. This same valve has been the subject of two previous enforcement actions. Further, the issue of mispositioned valves has been the subject of previous NRC correspondence.

Additionally, we are concerned by the issues identified during inspection of your implementation of paragraph (a)(3) of the Maintenance Rule (10 CFR 50.65). The inspectors' review of this area could not conclude that your program would be effective in preventing potentially risk significant configurations from occurring at the Vogtle facility. The NRC plans to inspect this area during future inspections.

These violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice), and the circumstances surrounding the violations 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 Caudle A. Julian for)

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Docket Nos. 50-424 and 50-425  
License No. NPF-68 and NPF-81

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2. Inspection Report 50-424/96-10, 50-425/96-10

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