

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

General Electric Company
Wilmington, North Carolina

Docket No. 70-1113
License No. SNM-1097
EA 96-444

During an NRC inspection conducted on September 30 thru October 3, 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:

License Condition Number (No.) S-1 of Special Nuclear Materials (SNM) License No. SNM-1097 requires that licensed materials be used in accordance with statements, representations, and conditions of Part I of the application dated October 23, 1987 and supplements thereto.

Part I, Chapter 2, Section 2.7 of the application requires that licensed material processing be conducted in accordance with properly issued procedures or instructions.

Part I, Chapter 3, Section 3.2.4.3.2 of the application requires that the bioassay program and appropriate action limits be implemented for individuals assigned to work in areas where highly soluble and soluble uranium compounds are processed.

CM&S Analytical Method 1.2.21.10, "Measurement of Trace Uranium in Urine Using the Scintrex UA-3 Analyzer" requires that "% recovery checks" be performed each day and the calculated data be retained in a computer system and as a printed record.

Contrary to the above, CM&S Analytical Method 1.2.21.10 was not followed in that data derived from urinalysis tests performed on October 19, 1994 was not recorded and that on October 20 and 21, 1994, the "percent recovery" standards were run out of sequence and in such a manner that inaccurate results were recorded for these analyses.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement IV).

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence and the date when full compliance will be achieved is already adequately addressed in that you have taken appropriate corrective actions. However, you are required to submit a written statement or explanation pursuant to 10 CFR 2.201 if you choose to deny the violation; if you choose to respond, clearly mark your response as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation," and send it to the Regional Administrator, Region II, with a copy to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). Under the authority of Section 182 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 2232, and response shall be submitted under oath or affirmation.

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Because any 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. 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 6th day of November, 1996