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Docket Nos. 50-424 and 50-425
License Nos. CPPR-108 and CPPR-109
EA 85-117

Georgia Power Company
✓ ATTN: Mr. R. J. Kelly
Executive Vice President
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION - NRC INVESTIGATION REPORT NO. 2-83-005

This refers to the Enforcement Conference held in the Region II Office on September 25, 1985, between members of the NRC staff and members of your staff. The Enforcement Conference was held to discuss the findings of an investigation conducted by the NRC Office of Investigations from May 19 through July 9, 1983, concerning welding Quality Control (QC) activities authorized by NRC Construction Permit Nos. CPPR-108 and CPPR-109 at your Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP). The investigation was initiated as a result of allegations made to the NRC Senior Resident Inspector by a confidential source.

The investigation was based primarily on interviews of QC personnel and revealed that a manager for Pullman Power Products Company (PPP), Georgia Power Company's (GPC) contractor for installation of piping and piping supports at VEGP, had intimidated QC personnel who, through the line management, reported to him administratively. The QC personnel had responsibilities for inspection of the PPP installation work. Although the investigation and subsequent inspections did not identify evidence that QC inspections were compromised, the intimidation of QC inspectors by the manager still constitutes a violation of Criterion I of Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 50. This criterion requires that construction permit holders establish and execute a quality assurance program such that persons and organizations performing quality assurance functions have sufficient authority and organizational freedom to identify quality problems.

To emphasize the need for you to assure that the GPC quality assurance program is being properly executed, and that QC personnel are not discouraged from vigorously implementing the quality assurance program, I have been authorized by the Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, to issue the enclosed Notice of Violation. The violation has been categorized as a Severity Level III violation in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, 47 FR 9987 (March 9, 1982), the Enforcement Policy in effect at the time of the violation. Normally, a civil

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penalty is considered for a Severity Level III violation. However, after consultation with the Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, I have decided that a civil penalty will not be proposed in this case because of your thorough investigation and your prompt corrective actions to resolve this matter. Those actions included replacement of the manager charged with intimidation, implementation of methods for QC inspectors to express their concerns (such as suggestion boxes, a concerns program, and biweekly meetings), improved training for QC and other personnel, and apprising QC personnel as to previously misunderstood salary administration policies. We have also taken into consideration your good enforcement history since this incident occurred. You have described the corrective actions which you have taken in your letter dated July 23, 1984, to Region II in response to Inspection Reports 50-424/84-05, 50-425/84-05, 50-424/84-36, and 50-425/84-36 and during the Enforcement Conference and the NRC has determined that these actions are acceptable. Therefore, no response to the enclosed Notice is required.

A summary description of the Enforcement Conference is included as an enclosure to this letter. For record purposes, this letter and its enclosures have been assigned inspection report numbers 50-424/85-49 and 50-425/85-36.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

J. Nelson Grace
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Enforcement Conference Summary Report
Nos. 50-424/85-49 and 50-425/85-36

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