

APRIL 4, 1997

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-424/97-03 AND 50-425/97-03 AND
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. McCoy:

This refers to the inspection conducted on March 3-7, 1997, at the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

The areas examined during this inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selected examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred. This violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding them are described in detail in the subject inspection report. The violation is of particular concern because you implemented a significant change to the Vogtle Security Response Plan, which directly contradicts the provisions outlined in your NRC approved Physical Security Plan.

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.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-424, 50-425
License Nos. NPF-68, NPF-81

Enclosures: (See page 2)



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Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report

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