

November 19, 1996

IA 96-073

Mr. Roger E. Jones
[HOME ADDRESS DELETED
UNDER 10 CFR 2.790]

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Jones:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received a letter dated October 24, 1996 from the Tennessee Valley Authority informing us of your confirmed positive test for marijuana. A copy of this letter is enclosed for your information (Enclosure 1 - not to be publicly released). We plan to place this letter in your 10 CFR Part 55 docket file.

This confirmed positive test identified a violation of 10 CFR 55.53(j). The purpose of the Commission's Fitness-for-Duty requirements is to provide reasonable assurance that nuclear power plant personnel work in an environment that is free of drugs and alcohol and the effects of the use of these substances. The use of illegal drugs is a serious matter which undermines the special trust and confidence placed in you as a licensed operator. The violation is categorized as a Severity Level III violation in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedures for NRC Enforcement Actions", NUREG-1600, because the use of illegal drugs by licensed operators is a significant regulatory concern. This violation is described in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). Please note that, in accordance with 10 CFR 26.27(b), future similar violations will substantially affect your authorization for unescorted access to the protected area of a licensed facility.

The purpose of this letter is to make clear to you the consequences of your violation of NRC requirements governing fitness-for-duty as a licensed operator. You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence in order to ensure your ability and willingness to carry out the special trust and confidence placed in you as a licensed operator of a nuclear power facility. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, enforcement actions are placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). A copy of this letter (without Enclosure 1) and the enclosed Notice of Violation with your address removed will be placed in the PDR after 45 days unless you provide a sufficient basis to withdraw this violation.

Should you have any questions concerning this action, please contact Mr. Thomas A. Peebles of my staff. Mr. Peebles can be reached at either the address listed above or telephone number (404) 331-5541.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
H. O. Christensen

Albert F. Gibson, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No. 55-21779
License No. OP-20972

Enclosures: 1. October 24, 1996 Letter from
Tennessee Valley Authority
2. Notice of Violation

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