

ENCLOSURE 1

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Houston Lighting & Power Company
South Texas Project Electric Generating Station

Docket Nos.: 50-498
50-499
License Nos.: NPF-76
NPF-80

During an NRC inspection conducted on May 5-9, 1997, two violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violations are listed below:

License Condition 2.F of the South Texas Project Unit 1, Operating License NPF-76 and Unit 2, Operating License NPF-80, dated March 22, 1988, requires that the licensee fully implement and maintain in effect the Commission-approved physical security plan, including amendments and changes made pursuant to the authority of 10 CFR 50.54(p).

- A. South Texas Project Physical Security Plan, Revision 7A, dated January 14, 1997, Chapter 4, paragraph 4.4, "Vital Area Access - Personnel," states, in part, "Access to Vital Areas shall be controlled by the security system or by an armed security officer referencing an access authorization list. Personnel entry/exit is documented for all vital area access except the control room."

Contrary to the above, on April 2, 1997, the licensee identified that access to the isolation valve cubicle, a vital area, was not controlled by the security system or by an armed security officer. Specifically, from the afternoon of April 1, 1997, to the morning of April 2, 1997, the vital area door was left in the access mode, which negated the security system controls, and required compensatory measures were not in place. The licensee had not implemented corrective actions for this violation.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement III)(50-498;-499/9715-01).

- B. South Texas Project Physical Security Plan, Revision 7A, dated January 14, 1997, Chapter 4, paragraph 4.2, states, in part, "If a person is terminated for cause, that individual's access is revoked and his/her assigned badge is deactivated through the security computer system prior to or simultaneously with notification of termination."

South Texas Project Procedure OPGP09-ZA-0002, "Fitness For Duty Program," Revision 7, dated October 24, 1996, paragraph 6.11, "Confirmed Positive Test Results," states, in part, "A 'Confirmed Positive' notification letter (Form 2) is delivered to the department manager, or designee, notifying them the individual is denied site access. The HL&P employee will be terminated . . . Notification of the above positive test results shall be made using the guidelines contained in OPGP03-ZX-0002, Condition Reporting Process."

South Texas Project Procedure OPGP03-ZX-0002, "Condition Reporting Process," Revision 13, dated September 12, 1996, paragraph 4.1, "Condition Identification," states, in part, "For conditions where security concerns are obvious or perceived, contact Plant Protection immediately and deliver the CR form to Plant Protection, or if database entry was made, promptly inform the Security Force Supervisor of the Condition Report number."

Contrary to the above, on May 7, 1997, the inspector discovered that the licensee had failed to comply with their procedures on February 3, 1997, concerning a positive for-cause fitness-for-duty test. Specifically, the inspector identified that a condition report and a Form 2 were not properly initiated on February 3, 1997.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement III)(50-498;499/9715-02)

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Houston Lighting & Power Company is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas 76011, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Because your 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 Arlington, Texas
this 3rd day of June 1997