

ENCLOSURE 1

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Houston Lighting & Power Company
South Texas Project, Unit 2

Docket: 50-499
License: NPF-80

During an NRC inspection conducted on February 23, through April 5, 1997, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

Technical Specification 6.8.1.a requires, in part, that written procedures be established, implemented, and maintained concerning the applicable procedures recommended in Appendix A of Regulatory Guide 1.33, Revision 2, February 1978. Regulatory Guide 1.33, Appendix A, Section 8.b.(1)(j), states that procedures should be written covering Technical Specification surveillance tests for the Emergency Core Cooling System. This requirement is implemented, in part, by Plant Surveillance Procedure OPSP03-XC-0002, Revision 12, "Containment Inspection," that was established to implement Technical Specification 4.5.2.c.2. This specification requires that plant personnel verify the operability of the containment emergency core cooling system sump by a visual inspection which verifies that no loose debris (rags, trash, clothing, etc.) is present in the containment which could be transported to the containment sump and cause restrictions of pump suctions during LOCA conditions. This visual inspection is required in the areas affected within containment at the completion of each containment entry when containment integrity is established.

Contrary to the above, on February 23, 1997, the licensee failed to verify the operability of the Emergency Core Cooling System sump when a visual inspection of areas affected by a containment entry was conducted in accordance with Procedure OPSP03-XC-0002 and failed to verify that no loose debris was present in containment. Specifically, plastic bags containing protective clothing and other loose debris that could have been transported to the containment sump and could have caused restriction of pump suctions remained in containment after the visual inspection.

This is a Level IV violation (Supplement I) (499/97002-01).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Houston Lighting and 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, 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. 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 previously 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. If personal privacy or proprietary information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, then please provide a bracketed copy of your response that identifies the information that should be protected and a redacted copy of your response that deletes such information. If you request withholding of such material, you must specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld and provide in detail the bases for your claim of withholding (e.g., explain why the disclosure of information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or provide the information required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information). If safeguards information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21.

Dated this 28th day of April 1997