

June 23, 1997

Mr. J. E. Cross  
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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-334/97-04, 50-412/97-04  
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Cross:

The NRC conducted an inspection of the Beaver Valley Power Station (BVPS) facilities from April 27 to June 7, 1997. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the 6-week period covered by this inspection period, your conduct of activities at the Beaver Valley Power Station facilities was generally characterized by safe operation and maintenance of station equipment. Recent revisions to your Maintenance Work Request process and Fix-It-Now maintenance program have streamlined work processes and have helped to reduce the non-outage corrective maintenance backlog. Actions to evaluate and correct an inoperable station battery cell were timely. Notwithstanding, certain performance weaknesses were evident and warrant continued management attention. Specifically, Unit 1 operator response to inoperable analog rod position indications revealed weaknesses in operator use of technical specifications, operating crew communications, shift turnover review, and logkeeping practices. Also, work activities on the service water and auxiliary feedwater systems were not effectively coordinated to minimize safety related equipment out of service time.

The security program was inspected during this period with a special focus of security equipment condition and maintenance, search and admittance control, and land vehicle control measures. These areas were effectively implemented and actively supported by management. The inspectors determined that you are implementing a security program that effectively protects public health and safety.

You have established a generally effective program for the processing of liquid and solid radioactive wastes and the transportation of radioactive materials. In several instances, our inspectors found that your procedures and related documents were minimal relative to content, process description, definition, guidance or instruction.

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, and the circumstances surrounding the violation are described in detail in the enclosed report. This violation is of concern because it indicates that operators need to be more attentive to plant conditions and the thoroughness of shift turnovers. Please note that you are required

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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.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely,

**Original Signed By:**

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Reactor Projects Branch No. 7  
Division of Reactor Projects

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**Enclosures:**

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report 50-334/97-04, 50-412/97-04

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