

March 10, 1997

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company
ATTN: Mr. Gary J. Taylor
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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-395/96-15
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On February 8, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your V. C. Summer reactor facility. 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 V. C. Summer facility was generally observed to be safe and conscientious in the areas of operations, engineering, maintenance practices, and plant support. A violation was identified concerning five examples of a Technical Specification surveillance test not being performed within the required frequency. Of particular concern was that there were several missed opportunities to identify and correct this problem prior to the date of discovery. Another violation was identified for failing to complete a surveillance test prior to a core alteration. Of particular concern is the position of your staff, which was stated during the February 10, 1997, Exit Meeting, that the evolution identified by the NRC as a core alteration was not a core alteration.

The violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice), and the circumstances surrounding the violation are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that 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.

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.

Sincerely,

Original signed by George A. Belisle

George A. Belisle, Chief
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Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report 50-395/96-15
3. Task Interface Agreement 96-010

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