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NOTICE OF VIOLATION #1

Framatome Cogema Fuels
Lynchburg Manufacturing Facility

Docket No. 70-1201
License No. SNM-1168

During an NRC inspection conducted on March 31 through April 3, 1997, violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedures for NRC Enforcement Action," NUREG-1600, the violations are listed below:

- A. License Condition No. S-1 of Special Nuclear Material License Number 1168 (SNM-1168) requires the licensee to comply with statements, representations, and conditions contained in Part I of the License Application dated June 22, 1990, and supplements thereto.

Part I, Chapter 4, Section 4.1 Administrative Conditions Step 4.1.5 Postings states that nuclear safety postings approved by Health-Safety shall be maintained specifying nuclear safety parameters that are subject to procedural controls.

Licensee nuclear safety posting approved by Health-Safety for the Fuel Assembly Storage Area stated, "Moderating material (plastics, liquids, etc.) MUST NOT be stored in the fuel assembly storage area...."

Contrary to the above, on April 2, 1997, approximately one hundred (100) nylon straps (a moderating material) were being temporarily stored in the fuel assembly storage area in anticipation of future usage.

This is a Severity IV violation (Supplement VI).

- B. License Condition No. S-1 of Special Nuclear Material License Number 1168 (SNM-1168) requires the licensee to comply with the statements, representations, and conditions contained in Part I of the License Application dated June 22, 1990, and supplements thereto.

Part I, Chapter 2, Section 2.7 of the Application, requires that independent auditors shall conduct, as a minimum, semi-annually nuclear safety, fire safety, and health physics inspections at the CNFP.

Procedure No. RP-000, "Radiation Protection Program Definitions," Revision 1, dated January 31, 1996, which is applicable to the plant Safety and Licensing Department, defines "semi-annual" in Section 4.24 as being at least once every six (6) calendar months +25% (45 days).

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Contrary to the above, on April 2, 1997, semi-annual safety audits were not being performed in the required frequency as the time lapse between the audits of October 6, 1995, and August 26, 1996, exceeded the defined semi-annual limit.

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Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, B&W Fuel 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 II, and a copy to the Chief, fuel Facilities Branch, Region II, 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 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.

Dated at Atlanta, Georgia
this 2nd day of May, 1997