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Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
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## Citation and Notification of Penalty

**To:**  
Georgia Power Company  
and its successors  
317 Covered Bridge Rd. SW  
Plant Bowen  
Cartersville, GA 30120

**Inspection Site:**  
317 Covered Bridge Rd SW  
Cartersville, GA

**Inspection Number:** 900009  
**Inspection Date(s):** 04/10/2013 - 09/23/2013  
**Issuance Date:** 09/24/2013

*The violation(s) described in this Citation and Notification of Penalty is (are) alleged to have occurred on or about the day(s) the inspection was made unless otherwise indicated within the description given below.*

This Citation and Notification of Penalty (this Citation) describes violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. The penalty(ies) listed herein is (are) based on these violations. You must abate the violations referred to in this Citation by the dates listed and pay the penalties proposed, unless within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) from your receipt of this Citation and Notification of Penalty **you either call to schedule an informal conference (see paragraph below) or** you mail a notice of contest to the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above. Please refer to the enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) which outlines your rights and responsibilities and which should be read in conjunction with this form. Issuance of this Citation does not constitute a finding that a violation of the Act has occurred unless there is a failure to contest as provided for in the Act or, if contested, unless this Citation is affirmed by the Review Commission or a court.

**Posting** - The law requires that a copy of this Citation and Notification of Penalty be posted immediately in a prominent place at or near the location of the violation(s) cited herein, or, if it is not practicable because of the nature of the employer's operations, where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. This Citation must remain posted until the violation(s) cited herein has (have) been abated, or for 3 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays), whichever is longer.

**Informal Conference** - An informal conference is not required. However, if you wish to have such a conference you may request one with the **Assistant Area Director, Therese Coleman** during the 15 working day contest period. During such an informal conference you may present any evidence or views which you

believe would support an adjustment to the citation(s) and/or penalty(ies).

If you are considering a request for an informal conference to discuss any issues related to this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you must take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal conference, should you decide to do so. Please keep in mind that a written letter of intent to contest must be submitted to the Area Director within 15 working days of your receipt of this Citation. The running of this contest period is not interrupted by an informal conference.

If you decide to request an informal conference, please complete, remove and post the Notice to Employees next to this Citation and Notification of Penalty as soon as the time, date, and place of the informal conference have been determined. Be sure to bring to the conference any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as any abatement steps taken thus far. If conditions warrant, we can enter into an informal settlement agreement which amicably resolves this matter without litigation or contest.

**Right to Contest** – You have the right to contest this Citation and Notification of Penalty. You may contest all citation items or only individual items. You may also contest proposed penalties and/or abatement dates without contesting the underlying violations. Unless you inform the Area Director in writing that you intend to contest the citation(s) and/or proposed penalty(ies) within 15 working days after receipt, the citation(s) and the proposed penalty(ies) will become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission and may not be reviewed by any court or agency.

**Penalty Payment** – Penalties are due within 15 working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. (See the enclosed booklet and the additional information provided related to the Debt Collection Act of 1982.) Make your check or money order payable to “DOL-OSHA”. Please indicate the Inspection Number on the remittance.

OSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check or money order for less than the full amount due, and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions, conditions, or endorsements do not exist.

**Notification of Corrective Action** – For each violation which you do not contest, you must provide *abatement certification* to the Area Director of the OSHA office issuing the citation and identified above. This abatement certification is to be provided by letter within 10 calendar days after each abatement date. Abatement certification includes the date and method of abatement. If the citation indicates that the violation was corrected during the inspection, no abatement certification is required for that item. The abatement certification letter must be posted at the location where the violation appeared and the corrective action took place or employees must otherwise be effectively informed about abatement activities. A sample abatement certification letter is enclosed with this Citation. In addition, where the citation indicates that *abatement documentation* is necessary, evidence of the purchase or repair of equipment, photographs or video, receipts, training records, etc., verifying that abatement has occurred is required to be provided to the Area Director.

**Employer Discrimination Unlawful** – The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint no later than 30 days after the discrimination occurred with the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above.

**Employer Rights and Responsibilities** – The enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) outlines additional employer rights and responsibilities and should be read in conjunction with this notification.

**Notice to Employees** – The law gives an employee or his/her representative the opportunity to object to any abatement date set for a violation if he/she believes the date to be unreasonable. The contest must be mailed to the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above and postmarked within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) of the receipt by the employer of this Citation and Notification of Penalty.

**Inspection Activity Data** – You should be aware that OSHA publishes information on its inspection and citation activity on the Internet under the provisions of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to these alleged violations will be posted when our system indicates that you have received this citation. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov). If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this office.



## NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with OSHA to discuss the citation(s) issued on 09/24/2013. The conference will be held by telephone or at the OSHA office located at 1995 North Park Place, Suite 525, Atlanta, GA 30339 on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_. Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend an informal conference.

**CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET**

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List the specific method of correction for each item on this citation in this package that does not read "Corrected During Inspection" and return to: **U.S. Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 1995 North Park Place, Suite 525, Atlanta, GA 30339**

Citation Number \_\_\_\_\_ and Item Number \_\_\_\_\_ was corrected on \_\_\_\_\_  
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I certify that the information contained in this document is accurate and that the affected employees and their representatives have been informed of the abatement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed or Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**NOTE: 29 USC 666(g)** whoever knowingly makes any false statements, representation or certification in any application, record, plan or other documents filed or required to be maintained pursuant to the Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 6 months or both.

**POSTING:** A copy of completed Corrective Action Worksheet should be posted for employee review

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**Citation 1 Item 1** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.103(b)(1)(ii)(b): Safety relief devices shall be arranged to discharge upward and unobstructed to the open air in such a manner as to prevent any impingement of escaping gas upon the container, adjacent structure or personnel. This requirement does not apply to DOT Specification containers having an internal volume of 2 cubic feet or less.

- a. Hydrogen header system located beneath unit 2 generator - The hydrogen relief piping was not arranged to discharge upward and unobstructed to the open air.

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**Citation 1 Item 2** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.103(b)(5): The equipment and functioning of each charged gaseous hydrogen system were not maintained in a safe operating condition in accordance with the requirements of this section. The area within 15 feet of any hydrogen container was not kept free of dry vegetation and combustible material.

a. Hydrogen bulk storage located outside the facility - The area within 15 feet of the hydrogen storage trucks was not kept free of dry grasses.

b. Hydrogen supply system header under generator #2 - A gaseous hydrogen header valve was not maintained and kept in a serviceable. The valve had been tagged as defective and left in service for approximately two months.

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**Citation 1 Item 3** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.269(a)(2)(iv)(C): Employees did not receive additional training (or retraining) where safety-related work practices not normally used during regular job duties were required:

- a. A Boiler Turbine Operator who had not performed a hydrogen purge in two or more years was not retrained on hydrogen purge implementation and safety prior to being assigned to purge hydrogen from the Unit 2 generator.

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**Citation 1 Item 4** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.269(c): The employee in charge did not conduct a job briefing with the employees involved before they started each job, including at least the following subjects: hazards associated with the job, work procedures involved, special precautions, energy source controls, and personal protective equipment requirements.

a. The Operator Team Leader did not conduct a job safety briefing with the Boiler Turbine Operators assigned to purge hydrogen from the Unit 2 generator and re-pressure it with 30 psig shop air.

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**Citation 1 Item 5** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.269(d)(2)(ii)(B): If an energy isolating device is capable of being locked out, the employer's program shall use lockout, unless the employer can demonstrate that the use of a tagout system will provide full employee protection as follows:

- a. Unit 2 - The employer used a "tags only" maintenance program, when locks could be used, without applying additional energy isolating practices or devices, such as the removal of a valve wheel, disconnecting pipe sections, opening bleed valve, etc. to ensure protection equivalent to lockout.

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**Citation 1 Item 6** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.269(d)(2)(iii): Procedures shall be developed, documented, and used for the control of potentially hazardous energy covered by paragraph (d) of this section.

a. Unit 2 - The employer did not develop, document and use a clearance (tag out procedure) for purging hydrogen from the Unit 2 generator and then re-pressurizing it with 30 psi air during a maintenance shutdown.

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**Citation 1 Item 7 a Type of Violation: **Serious****

29 CFR 1910.269(d)(2)(iv): The procedure were not clearly and specifically outline the scope, purpose, responsibility, authorization, rules, and techniques to be applied to the control of hazardous energy, and the measures to enforce compliance including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Unit 2 - The employers maintenance clearances (tag out procedures) contained only direction for applying and removing tags. There was no information on the clearances that specifically described the scope, purpose, responsibility, authorization, and techniques to be used when applying the equipment maintenance hold tag.

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**Citation 1 Item 7 b** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.269(d)(2)(iv)(B): Specific procedural steps for shutting down, isolating, blocking and securing machines or equipment to control hazardous energy;

a. Generator 2 - Employees did not follow documented and specific procedural steps (clearance) purging of hydrogen gas from the Unit 2 generator and leaving the pressure within the generator casing at 0 psi (atmospheric conditions).

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**Citation 1 Item 8** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.269(d)(2)(iv)(C): Specific procedural steps for the placement, removal, and transfer of lockout devices or tagout devices and the responsibility for them; and

a. Unit 2 - Georgia Power maintenance clearances (tag out procedures) did not specify who was responsible for the tag out devices (hold tags) applied to safeguard energy sources. Tags were identified using a number in lieu of employee names.

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**Citation 1 Item 9** Type of Violation:  **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.269(d)(2)(iv)(D): Specific requirements for testing a machine or equipment to determine and verify the effectiveness of lockout devices, tagout devices, and other energy control measures.

a. Unit 2 - The tagout procedure did not have specific requirements for testing equipment to determine and verify the effectiveness of tagout.

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**Citation 1 Item 10** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.269(d)(2)(v): The employer shall conduct a periodic inspection of the energy control procedure at least annually to ensure that the procedure and the provisions of paragraph (d) of this section are being followed.

a. Unit 2 - Georgia Powers maintenance clearance procedure inspections did not ensure that all maintenance procedures that addressed the unexpected energization, startup or release of stored energy, were documented and adequate for controlling and rendered inoperative all hazardous energy sources.

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**Citation 1 Item 11** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.269(d)(2)(v)[E]: The periodic inspection certification of the energy control procedures did not contain the required documentation to identify the machine or equipment on which the energy control procedure was being used, the date of the inspection, the employees included in the inspection, and the person performing the inspection.

a. Unit 2 - Georgia Power audit reports did not identify the machines inspected as part of their audit or authorized employees who were interviewed during the inspection.

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**Citation 1 Item 12** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.269(d)(3)(ii): Lockout devices and tagout devices shall be singularly identified; shall be the only devices used for controlling energy; may not be used for other purposes; and shall meet the following requirements:

- a. Unit 2 - The employer used tags identified as maintenance hold tags for employee protection and also used the same tags to identify equipment that had been placed out of service. Maintenance hold tags were applied to the Unit 2 auxiliary boiler and other equipment to designate the equipment as being out of service.

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**Citation 1 Item 13** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.269(d)(6)(ii): The machine or equipment was not turned off or shut down using the procedures established for the machine or equipment:

- a. Unit 2 - When the Unit 2 generator was taken offline for servicing and maintenance, all source of hazardous energy were not isolated and rendered safe by the use of a maintenance clearance (tag out procedure) specifically established for that purpose.

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The alleged violations below have been grouped because they involve similar or related hazards that may increase the potential for injury or illness.

**Citation 1 Item 14 a**      Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.269(d)(6)(vi): If there is a possibility of reaccumulation of stored energy to a hazardous level, verification of isolation were not continued until the servicing or maintenance is completed or until the possibility of such accumulation no longer exists.

a. Unit 2 generator - The employer did not verify that the generator continued to be isolated from the re-accumulation of a stored energy source (hydrogen) when a leaking valve on the hydrogen manifold could cause hydrogen gas to reenter the #2 generator casing while shutdown maintenance was performed. The leaking valve had been tagged for repair for two months prior to the maintenance shutdown.

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**Citation 1 Item 14 b**      Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.269(d)(6)(vii): Before starting work on machines or equipment that have been locked out or tagged out, the authorized employee did not verify that isolation and deenergizing of the machine or equipment had been accomplished:

a. Unit 2 equipment - After purging hydrogen gas from the #2 generator, the employer did not verify that isolation from the hydrogen supply had been achieved by removing a supply pig tail, spool piece or other supply disconnects.

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**Citation 1 Item 15** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.269(d)(7)(iv): Each lockout or tagout device was not removed from each energy isolating device by the authorized employee who applied the lockout or tagout device:

a. Unit 2 - Boiler Turbine Operators (BTO) were allowed to remove maintenance hold tags that were applied by other BTO authorized employees without permission from the person responsible for hanging the tag.

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**Citation 1 Item 16** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.269(d)(8)(ii)(C): When more than one crew, craft, department, or other group is involved, assignment of overall job-associated lockout or tagout control responsibility shall be given to an authorized employee designated to coordinate affected work forces and ensure continuity of protection:

- a. Unit 2 - The employer did not assign overall responsibility for tag out control to one authorized employee to coordinate the transfer of such responsibilities across shift changes for Unit 2.

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**Citation 1 Item 17** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.269(v)(10)(i): Smoking and other ignition sources are prohibited near hydrogen or hydrogen sealing systems, and signs warning of the danger of explosion and fire shall be posted.

- a. Unit 2 hydrogen header - An ignition source, e.g. an ordinary electrical outlet, not suitable for Class 1, Division 2 locations, was placed underneath the Unit 2 generator hydrogen manifold valves and used as a power source for portable electric monitoring equipment.

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*Michael Hajjji, Ph.D.*  
for Christi Griffin  
Area Director

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Georgia Power Company  
317 Covered Bridge Rd. SW  
Plant Bowen  
Cartersville, GA 30120

Dear Employer,

Enclosed you will find citations for violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) which may have accompanying proposed penalties. Also enclosed is a booklet entitled, "Employer Rights and Responsibilities Following an OSHA Inspection", (OSHA 3000) revised 1990, which explains your rights and responsibilities under the Act. If you have any questions about the enclosed citations and penalties, I would welcome further discussions in person or by telephone.

You will note on page 6 of the booklet that, for violations which you do not contest, you must (1) notify this office promptly by letter that you have taken appropriate corrective action within the time set forth on the citation; and (2) pay any penalties assessed. Please inform me of the abatement steps you have taken and of their dated together with adequate supporting documentation; e.g., drawings or photographs of corrected conditions, purchase/work orders related to abatement actions, air sampling results. This information will allow us to close the case.

As indicated on page 8 of the booklet, you may request an informal conference with me during the 15-working-day notice of contest period. During such an informal conference you may present any evidence or views which you believe would support an adjustment to the citation or the penalty.

If you are considering a request for an informal conference to discuss any issues related to this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you must take to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal conference, should you decide to do so. Please keep in mind that a written letter of intent to contest must be submitted to the Area Director within 15 working days of your receipt of the citation. The running of this contest period is not interrupted by an informal conference. You must take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal conference, should you decide to do so.

If you decide to request an informal conference, please complete the attached notice at the bottom of this letter and post it next to the Citations as soon as the time, date and the place of the informal conference have been determined. Be sure to bring to the conference with you any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as of any abatement steps taken thus far. If conditions warrant, we can enter into an informal settlement agreement which amicably resolves this matter without litigation or contest.

You should be aware that OSHA publishes information on its inspection and citation activity on the Internet under the provisions of Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to these alleged violations will be posted when our system indicates that you have received this citation. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov). If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this office.

Sincerely,



*For* Christi Griffin  
Area Director

Enclosures

**U.S. Department of Labor**  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
1995 North Park Place  
Suite 525  
Atlanta, GA 30339  
Phone: 678-903-7301 Fax: 770-984-8855



## INVOICE / DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

**Company Name:** Georgia Power Company  
**Inspection Site:** 317 Covered Bridge Rd SW, Cartersville, GA  
**Issuance Date:** 09/24/2013

<b>Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number</b>	<b>900009</b>
<b>Citation 1, Serious</b>	<b>\$119000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES</b>	<b>\$119000.00</b>

To avoid additional charges, please remit payment promptly to this Area Office for the total amount of the uncontested penalties summarized above. Make your check or money order payable to: "DOL-OSHA". Please indicate OSHA's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance.

OSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check or money order for less than the full amount due, and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions or conditions do not exist.

If a personal check is issued, it will be converted into an electronic fund transfer (EFT). This means that our bank will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will then usually occur within 24 hours and will be shown on your regular account statement. You will not receive your original check back. The bank will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds or closed account, the bank will attempt to make the transfer up to 2 times.

Pursuant to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (Public Law 97-365) and regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 20), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is required to assess interest, delinquent charges, and administrative costs for the collection of delinquent penalty debts for violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

**Interest:** Interest charges will be assessed at an annual rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on all penalty debt amounts not paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the date on which the debt amount

becomes due and payable (penalty due date). The current interest rate is one percent (1%). Interest will accrue from the date on which the penalty amounts (as proposed or adjusted) become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (that is, 15 working days from your receipt of the Citation and Notification of Penalty), unless you file a notice of contest. Interest charges will be waived if the full amount owed is paid within 30 calendar days of the final order.

**Delinquent Charges:** A debt is considered delinquent if it has not been paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the penalty due date or if a satisfactory payment arrangement has not been made. If the debt remains delinquent for more than 90 calendar days, a delinquent charge of six percent (6%) per annum will be assessed accruing from the date that the debt became delinquent.

**Administrative Costs:** Agencies of the Department of Labor are required to assess additional charges for the recovery of delinquent debts. These additional charges are administrative costs incurred by the Agency in its attempt to collect an unpaid debt. Administrative costs will be assessed for demand letters sent in an attempt to collect the unpaid debt.

*Michael Hojny, Ph.D.*

for **Christi Griffin**  
Area Director

9/24/2013

Date

To schedule an informal conference with AAD Therese Coleman, contact Safety and Health Clerk, Carla Smith at 678-903-7306.