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**NRC STAFF PROPOSES \$37,500 CIVIL PENALTY AGAINST CP&L
FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS AT ROBINSON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has proposed a \$37,500 civil penalty against Carolina Power & Light Company for alleged violation of NRC requirements at the H. B. Robinson nuclear power plant, located near Hartsville, South Carolina.

The NRC said the civil penalty was being proposed because violations of NRC regulatory requirements were identified involving the company's failure to provide control over activities affecting quality which resulted in the simultaneous degradation of both of the plant's emergency diesel generators, and failure to correct conditions adverse to quality which affected operability of one of the diesels, when the reactor was started up and operated at power between November 12 and November 17, 1993. The NRC said voltage regulators on both emergency diesel generators were set too low and that a subsequent surveillance test involved the failure of one generator to start.

NRC officials said the base civil penalty for this type of violation was \$50,000 but that it was reduced in this case because of the company's comprehensive performance in analyzing the problem's root cause.

The company has 30 days in which to pay the civil penalty or to protest it, in whole or in part.

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