

PRIORITY ATTENTION REQUIRED MORNING REPORT - REGION III DECEMBER 16, 1993

Licensee/Facility:

Commonwealth Edison Co.
Lasalle 2
Marseilles, Illinois

Notification:

MR Number: 3-93-0351
Date: 12/15/93
VIA LAN

Dockets: 50-374
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Subject: ITE BREAKER REFURBISHMENT

Reportable Event Number: N/A

Discussion:

Three of four safety related ITE breaker operating mechanisms manufactured by ABB and purchased by Commonwealth Edison through Nutherm in 1991 were found to have missing pieces. Due to a regional based maintenance inspection finding that hardened grease existed in several safety related ITE breaker operating mechanisms the licensee is systematically refurbishing all ITE breaker operating mechanisms on both units in an expedited manner. In the process of performing these refurbishments an operating mechanism removed from the Unit 2 suppression pool clean-up pump breaker was found to have several discrepancies. It appeared that there was three different kinds of grease used, two retaining rings were missing, and tension springs used were not those expected. After these discrepancies were found equipment history revealed that this operating mechanism was purchased new from Nutherm in 1991 along with three others. The operating mechanisms were purchased through

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Nutherm because ABB does not have a qualified QA program. Inspections of two of the other three mechanisms revealed missing pieces and in one case the operating mechanism frame was bent. The inspectors informed the site quality assurance management. Commonwealth Edison quality assurance is evaluating the need of a vendor audit of Nutherm. Nutherm was previously removed, and later reinstated, from Commonwealth's qualified bidders list because of previous quality related problems.

Regional Action:

The resident inspectors are observing refurbishment maintenance.

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