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December 12, 1991  
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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT  
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Commonwealth Edison Company (EA 91-152)  
(Dresden Unit 3)  
Docket No. 50-249

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$25,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$25,000 will be issued on or about December 17, 1991 to Commonwealth Edison Company. This action is based on violations that resulted in the unplanned exposure to radiation of workers engaged in inspection activities in the Unit 3 drywell. While neither worker received a radiation dose in excess of NRC limits, the numerous violations involved in the event represented a breakdown in oversight of work in the radiological controls area. The violations have cumulatively been classified as a Severity Level III problem. The base civil penalty for a Severity Level III problem is \$50,000. After considering the escalation and mitigation factors of the Enforcement Policy, an overall reduction of 50 percent of the base civil penalty was deemed appropriate. The 50 percent mitigation was arrived at by partially offsetting 100% mitigation for licensee identification and corrective actions with 50% escalation for past performance.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice December 17, 1991  
Telephone Notification of Licensee December 17, 1991

The State of Illinois will be notified.

The licensee has thirty days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC evaluation of the response, the civil penalty may be remitted, mitigated, or imposed by Order.

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