OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee:

Commonwealth Edison Company
Dresden Station - Units 2 and 3

(EA 95-074)

Docket No. 50-237; 50-249

Subject: PROPOSED EXERCISE OF ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION

This is to inform the Commission that the staff intends to exercise enforcement discretion per Section VII.B.6 of the Enforcement Policy and not issue a Notice of Violation for a potential Severity Level III violation. A letter on the subject will be issued on or about June 2, 1995, to the Commonwealth Edison Company (Dresden Station, Units 2 and 3). The action is based on the licensee's identification of a significant contaminated material control problem consisting of the discovery of approximately 450 uncontrolled, contaminated items found outside of radiologically protected areas. Although these items all had very low levels of contamination, and were of minimal safety significance, this problem was of regulatory concern because of the large number of items that was uncontrolled.

The exercise of enforcement discretion for this apparent Severity Level III violation is warranted primarily because of the licensee's prompt and comprehensive response to the violations after four uncontrolled items were discovered by routine surveys. This response consisted of an extensive site-wide survey, undertaken to determine the scope and magnitude of the uncontrolled item contamination, and the subsequent actions taken to prevent the future recurrence of contaminated material control issues.

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

Mailing of Letter June 2, 1995 Telephone Notification of Licensee June 2, 1995

The State of Illinois will be notified.

No response to the letter is required but the licensee has requested a meeting with regional staff to discuss its efforts to improve performance in this area.

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