

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT  
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Commonwealth Edison Company (EA 96-115)  
(Dresden)  
Docket Nos. 50-237 and 50-249

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$50,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$50,000 will be issued on or about June 13, 1996, to Commonwealth Edison Company (Dresden). The action is based on an inspection conducted by Region III at the Dresden Station and consists of one violation associated with the station's failure to promptly correct structural steel design deficiencies initially discovered in 1991. The violation represents a significant regulatory concern and has been categorized at Severity Level III. As this problem was not the first non-willful Severity Level III problem within the previous two years, the factor of identification was considered. Because the violation was identified by the NRC, credit was not warranted for identification. Credit was warranted for the licensee's corrective actions. This resulted in a civil penalty in the base amount of \$50,000. One violation not assessed a civil penalty was identified involving the failure to report a condition outside the design basis of the plant.

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	June 13, 1996
Telephone Notification of Licensee	June 13, 1996

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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