

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Commonwealth Edison Company
Dresden Station, Units 2 and 3

Docket Nos. 50-237; 50-249
License Nos. DPR-19; DPR-25

During an NRC inspection conducted on January 14 through 15 and January 23, 1997, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

10 CFR 50.59(a) states, in part, that a holder of a license may make changes in the facility as described in the safety analysis report, without prior Commission approval, unless the proposed change involves an unreviewed safety question.

10 CFR 50.59(b)(1) states, in part, that the licensee shall maintain records of changes in the facility made pursuant to this section, to the extent that these changes constitute changes in the facility as described in the safety analysis report. These records must include a written safety evaluation which provides the bases for the determination that the change does not involve an unreviewed safety question.

Contrary to the above, as of January 15, 1997, records for a safety-related change to the suppression chamber, involving the installation (in 1984) of a drain down pump, did not include a written safety evaluation to provide the basis for the determination that the installation of the drain pump did not involve an unreviewed safety question. The installation of the drain pump resulted in a suppression chamber configuration that was different than the configuration specified in Section 6.2, "Containment System," of the Dresden Updated Safety Analysis Report for the suppression chamber.

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Commonwealth Edison Company is hereby required to submit a written statement of explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington D.C. 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region III, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time. Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public

Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois
this 6th day of February 1997