

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Commonwealth Edison Company
Dresden Station

Docket Nos. 50-237; 50-249
License Nos. DPR-19; DPR-25
EA 96-391

During an NRC inspection conducted from September 1 through October 18, 1996, 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:

Technical Specification 3.7.A.2 requires, in part, that primary containment integrity be maintained at all times when the reactor is critical.

Technical Specification 3.7.A.2.b(2)(a) states, in part, that when primary containment integrity is required, primary containment leakage shall be limited to a combined leakage rate of less than or equal to 60 percent of La for all testable penetrations and isolation valves subject to Type B and C tests.

Contrary to the above, between January 16, 1995 and May 28, 1995, with the reactor critical, primary containment leakage was greater than 60 percent of La due to leakage past the Unit 3 main steam line drain primary containment isolation valves, 3-220-1 and 3-220-2. Main steam line drain isolation valves 3-220-1 and 3-220-2 are isolation valves subject to Type B and C tests.

This is a Severity Level III violation (Supplement I).

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence is already adequately addressed on the docket in Inspection Report Nos. 50-237;249/96013(DRP), LER 249/95007, and your response to the inspection report dated January 28, 1997. However, you are required to respond to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201 if the description in the docketed materials referenced above does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to respond, clearly mark your response as a "Reply to Notice of Violation," and send it 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).

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