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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Docket Nos. 50-254, 50-265,
EA-80-36

Commonwealth Edison Company
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Gentlemen:

An NRC inspection, conducted on January 31, 1980, at the waste burial site in Hanford, Washington, disclosed one waste shipment from the Quad-Cities Nuclear Station having external radiation levels which exceeded regulatory requirements. This matter was discussed with you during a meeting with Mr. J. G. Keppler, Director, NRC Region III Office (Glen Ellyn, Illinois), on February 27, 1980.

As you know, NRC has taken steps to increase the standard of compliance in the area of transportation of radioactive waste materials. The December 3, 1979 letter to all NRC licensees set forth the criteria for categorizing violations in this area and stated that severity level 1 or 2 noncompliance would normally result in civil penalties or more severe enforcement action.

The maximum radiation levels found on the external surface of the transport vehicle in the shipment in question have been categorized as a severity level 1 violation.

As the result of our inspection of this matter, and our concerns as discussed during the February 27 meeting, we propose to impose civil penalties for the item of noncompliance set forth in Appendix A to this letter, in the total amount of Four Thousand Dollars. Appendix B to this letter is a Notice of Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalties. You are required to respond to this letter, and in preparing your response you should follow the instructions in Appendices A and B.

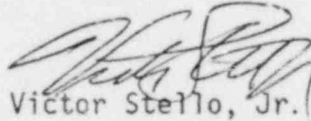
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In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the Commission's Public Document Room.

Sincerely,



Victor Stello, Jr.
Director
Office of Inspection
and Enforcement

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Violation
2. Appendix B - Notice of Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalties

cc w/attachments:

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