

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--III-82-08

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by IE staff on this date.

Facility: Illinois Power Company
 Clinton Station (Docket No. 50-461)
 Clinton, IL

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 Notification of Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

Subject: STOP WORK ORDER - ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION

During a Region III (Chicago) investigation regarding alleged improper implementation of the electrical construction Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) program, other significant QA/QC program discrepancies were identified.

It was determined that a licensee contractor had not properly implemented the approved QA/QC program as it relates to electrical raceways. Significant deficiencies and nonconformances have been identified by the contractor QC inspectors, and were being handled informally rather than being documented and resolved by approved methods. Also, falsification of inspection records by a contractor QC inspector, which was identified by the contractor and which resulted in the inspector being fired, was not formally documented, nor was the licensee informed of the matter.

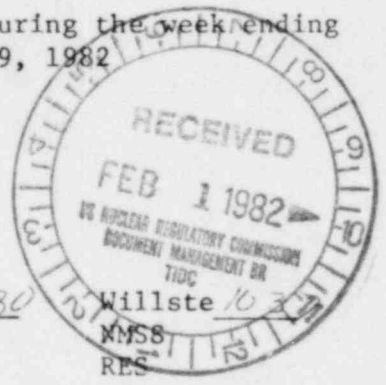
As a result of regional management's expressed concerns, the licensee issued a stop work order on all safety-related electrical construction activity on January 15, 1982. Based on the licensee's further evaluation of the problem, they now plan to limit the stop work order to installation of cable trays and other components which would impair reinspection. The Region III investigation into this matter is continuing. The licensee's plan of corrective actions is being evaluated.

The licensee had informed the media that stopping safety-related electrical work would require a layoff of about 1000 workers, creating considerable local media interest. All workers reported to work on Monday, January 18, 1982, but most were sent home and advised to report again Tuesday, January 19, 1982, pending clarification of work to be continued.

The State of Illinois is being notified.

This matter was identified by Region III inspectors onsite during the weekend ending January 15, 1982, and is current as of 10:00 a.m., January 19, 1982.

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