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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-WELDING CONSTRUCTION (UPDATE)

A welding Stop Work Order has been issued by the Illinois Power Company at the Clinton Plant. It has been determined that AIRCO, a supplier of weld rod, has mislabeled some stainless steel welding electrode (ROD) as low hydrogen mild steel E-7018. The problem was detected by a welder noting improper characteristics while attempting to make a weld using one of these rods. A nonconformance report has been issued. The extent of the problem and possible corrective actions are being investigated by the licensee at this time. This mislabeled weld rod is traceable to individual welds and individual determinations of acceptability will be required.

This morning all welders (several hundred) received show up pay and were sent home. It is not known how long this layoff will continue.

There has been some local media interest concerning this event.

The licensee has issued a news release; Region III will respond to any media inquiries.

The State of Illinois has been notified.

This update information was identified to the Region III Resident Inspector onsite on 2/17/82, and is current as of 11:00 a.m. on February 17, 1982.



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