OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Illinois Power Company

Clinton Nuclear Power Station

Docket No. 50-461

Subject: PROPOSED IM-DSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$90,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) will be issued to the Illinois Power Company on or about October 6, 1982. This action is based on numerous violations in the electrical area and demonstrates Illinois Power Company's failure to exercise adequate oversight and control of their principal contractor, Baldwin Associates, to whom they had delegated the work of establishing and executing quality assurance programs. This failure manifested itself in intimidation of quality control inspectors and in a widespread breakdown in the implementation of the quality assurance program in the electrical area.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The Regional Administrator has been authorized by the Director of the Office of Inspection and Enforcement to sign this action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice October 6, 1982
Telephone Notification of Licensee October 6, 1982

A news release will be issued about the time the licensee receives the Notice. The state of Illinois will be notified.

The licensee has 30 days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC staff evaluation of the response: the civil penalty may be remitted, mitigated, or imposed by Order.

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