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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Commonwealth Edison Company (EA 90-208)
(Braidwood)
Docket No. 50-456

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$87,500

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$87,500 will be issued on or about January 30, 1991 to Commonwealth Edison Company. This action is based on violations involving the failure of the control room operation staff and Technical Staff Engineer to adhere to various administrative and surveillance procedures during the performance of multiple Residual Heat Removal system tests on October 4, 1990. These violations resulted in an unexpected loss of reactor coolant from the primary system and the contamination of several operators. The civil penalty was mitigated by only 25% for identification and reporting as this was considered a self-disclosing event. The civil penalty was escalated by 100% due to poor past performance in that the licensee has experienced similar problems with regard to how licensed responsibilities were discharged in the control room during non-routine evolutions.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice January 30, 1991
Telephone Notification of Licensee January 30, 1991

The State of Illinois will be notified.

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

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