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Facility: Commonwealth Edison Company  
 Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station  
 Unit 1  
 Docket No. 50-254  
 Cordova, IL 61242

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

Subject: FUEL ASSEMBLY STUCK TO FUEL SUPPORT PIECE

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Certified By A. Carroll

While attempting to lift a fuel assembly out of the core during normal refueling operations September 16, 1982, it was found that the assembly had become attached to its fuel support piece and the two could not be separated. The support piece is normally positioned by guide pins on the lower core plate and supports four assemblies. (The three other assemblies that rest on this piece had already been removed.) Once out of the core, the licensee transferred both the assembly and the attached support piece to the Spent Fuel Pool via the Refueling Trolley Grapple. Because of the attached support, the assembly could not be removed to the pool through normal methods.

The licensee is currently attempting to determine how to separate the support piece from the fuel assembly. The General Electric Company (NSSS) has been notified. The Resident Inspectors are monitoring the licensee's actions.

Unit 1 is currently in a scheduled 14 week refueling outage.

Neither the licensee nor Region III (Chicago) plan a press release at this time.

The States of Illinois and Iowa will be notified.

The Senior Resident Inspector was first notified of this event at 10 a.m. (CDT) September 16, 1982. This information is current as of 11 a.m. (CDT), September 17, 1982.

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