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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION:

Licensee: Commonwealth Edison Company (EA 94-044)
Dresden Station, Unit 1
Docket No. 50-010

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$200,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$200,000 will be issued on or about June 10, 1994, to the Commonwealth Edison Company. This action is based on three violations of the order approving the decommissioning plan for Dresden 1 involving the failure to maintain HVAC and the failure to drain or properly lay up fluid systems in Unit 1. The violations reflect a significant lack of management attention to the safe maintenance and operation of Dresden Unit 1 systems, which resulted in the loss of about 55,000 gallons of water in the Unit 1 containment on January 25, 1994. This event originated from a rupture of the service water system that froze due to sub-zero temperatures. With no containment heating, it was postulated that there was a potential for freezing of the fuel transfer system, which could have resulted in partial draining of the spent fuel pool and uncovering the upper two feet of the spent fuel elements. The resulting violations have been characterized as a Severity Level III problem, which has a base civil penalty of \$50,000. A civil penalty of \$200,000 has been proposed to emphasize the need for increased management attention to licensed activities and strict adherence to the Unit 1 Decommissioning Plan. Escalation of 100 percent was warranted for each of the factors involving licensee's past performance, prior opportunity to identify, and duration.

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 June 10, 1994
Telephone Notification of Licensee June 10, 1994

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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