

June 13, 1984
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OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Philadelphia Electric Company
Docket Nos. 50-277, 50-278
Peach Bottom, Unit 2 and Unit 3

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY (\$30,000) AND
ORDER MODIFYING LICENSE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$30,000 will be issued to Philadelphia Electric Company on or about June 18, 1984. This action is based upon 3 violations which are categorized in the aggregate as a Severity Level III problem. The violations involved: (1) two instances during startups in which the reactor heatup rates exceeded the limits specified in the technical specifications, (2) a unplanned reactor pressurization at a temperature prohibited by the technical specifications, (3) failure to recognize that a control rod had a scram time greater than that required by the technical specifications. The Notice also includes 3 other violations which were categorized in the aggregate as a Severity Level IV problem involving a failure to follow procedures and for which no civil penalty was proposed.

In addition to the proposed civil penalty, an Order will be issued to the facility. The Order is an immediately effective Order which requires that a plan be established for the review and appraisal of: (1) the licensee's process for performing safety evaluations and reviews of procedures pursuant to 10 CFR 50.59; (2) plant and system operating procedures to verify that existing procedures are consistent with technical specifications, technical specification bases, and certain sections of the FSAR; and (3) the licensee's program for ensuring that employees involved in the review and approval of operating procedures remain cognizant of the licensing bases. This Order is being issued because from 1977 through 1983, the licensee failed to recognize that the method used in shutting down the reactors was contrary to the plant technical specifications and the FSAR.

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 18, 1984
Telephone Notification of Licensee	June 18, 1984

A news release has been prepared and will be issued about the time the licensee receives the Notice. The State of Pennsylvania 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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