

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Illinois Power Company
Clinton Power Station

Docket No. 50-461
License No. NPF-62

During an NRC inspection conducted on August 8 through September 25, 1995, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600 (60 FR 34381; June 30 1995), the violation is listed below:

Technical Specification 3.0.4 requires, in part, that when an associated limiting condition for operation (LCO) is not met, entry into a mode shall not be made except when the associated actions to be entered permit continued operation in the mode for an unlimited period of time.

Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.0.4 requires, in part, that entry into a mode of an LCO shall not be made unless the LCO's Surveillances have been met within their specified frequency.

Technical Specification (TS) 3.10.2 states in part, that the reactor mode switch position for modes 3, 4, and 5 may be changed to include the run, startup/hot standby, and refuel position, and operation considered not to be in mode 1 or 2, to allow testing of instrumentation associated with the reactor mode switch interlock functions.

Contrary to the above, following testing of reactor mode switch interlock functions on September 9, 1995, operators failed to return the reactor mode switch to shutdown and entered mode 2 without applicable LCOs being met. The setpoint for an emergency control room ventilation radiation monitor was inadvertently set to a non-conservative value. Average power range monitor surveillances for the reactor protection system LCO were not all within their specified frequency. Associated actions for the unmet LCOs did not permit continued operation in the mode for an unlimited period of time.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Illinois Power Company is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region III, and a copy to the NRC resident inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or

why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Because the response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. However, if it is necessary to include such information, it should clearly indicate the specific information that should not be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support the request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois
this 18 day of October 1995