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OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Carolina Power and Light Company, Raleigh, NC
Docket No. 50-261
H.B. Robinson Station

Subject: MITIGATION OF CIVIL PENALTY

By EN 84-9 dated March 7, 1984, the Commission was notified of the intent of IE to issue a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars to Carolina Power and Light Company. This action was based on a failure to follow procedures which implement H.B. Robinson's Technical Specifications for entry into a locked High Radiation Area - an area where dose rates are in excess of 1 rem per hour. As a result of this failure, a worker entered the reactor sump area (reactor cavity) at a time when the retractable incore detector thimbles were withdrawn and the sump was classified as a locked high radiation area. The worker received 0.4 rems during his stay in the area (about one-half minute).

The licensee responded to the Notice in letters dated May 23, 1984 and June 15, 1984. After careful consideration of the licensee's response, the Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement has decided to mitigate completely the civil penalty proposed in the Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty. This action is based on the fact Carolina Power and Light's corrective actions were extensive and comprehensive and included (1) reporting the event immediately upon its discovery, even though this event was not required to be reported, (2) promptly investigating the circumstances of this event and taking decisive action, including appropriate disciplinary actions and conducting extensive training sessions with operations, health physics, and management personnel concerning the specifics of this event and the necessity to ensure that all procedures are used and followed, and (3) renewed management attention and emphasis on the program for improving performance in the area of radiological protection.

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