

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Commonwealth Edison Company
Quad Cities Station, Units 1 and 2

Docket Nos. 50-254; 50-265
License Nos. DPR-29; DPR-30

During an NRC inspection conducted on January 19 through March 4, 1996, three violations of NRC requirements were identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violations are listed below:

1. Quad Cities Technical Specification Section 6.2.C. outlines review procedures for changes to procedures required by Technical Specification 6.2.A. Specification 6.2.D.1. allows temporary changes to a procedure if the original intent is not altered.

Contrary to the above, on February 10, 1996, the licensee implemented procedure field change number QCTS 600-18-PFC-2024, a temporary procedure change for Unit 1, without performing the review required by Technical Specification 6.2.C. Procedure field change QCTS 600-18-PFC-2024 altered the original intent of procedure QCTS 600-18 "RHRS Suppression Chamber Spray Local Leak Rate Test (MO-1(2)-1001-34A/B, 36A/B, and 37A/B)."

This is a severity level IV violation (Supplement 1).

2. Technical Specification 3.7.A.2 states, "Primary containment integrity shall be maintained at all times when the reactor is critical or when the reactor water temperature is above 212 degrees F and fuel is in the reactor vessel."

Contrary to the above, on February 10, 1996, with the Unit 1 reactor water temperature above 212 degrees F and fuel in the reactor vessel, the licensee breached primary containment integrity on 4 occasions.

This is a severity level IV violation (Supplement 1).

3. Criterion XIII of Appendix B to 10 CFR 50, "Handling, Storage and Shipping," states: "Measures shall be established to control the handling, storage, shipping, cleaning and preservation of material and equipment in accordance with work and inspection instructions to prevent damage or deterioration. When necessary for particular product, special protective environments, such as inert gas atmosphere, specific moisture content levels, and temperature levels, shall be specified and provided."

Contrary to the above, the licensee improperly stored standby diesel generator air start motors, without implementing controls for a special protective environment to control specific moisture content levels. A 10 CFR Part 21 notification, 10 CFR 21-0045, dated April 28, 1989, was issued to the licensee identifying adverse effects of moisture on the carbon vanes of the standby diesel generator air start motors, and ComEd did not take appropriate action.

This is Severity Level IV violations (Supplement 1).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Commonwealth Edison is hereby required to submit a written statement of explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington D.C. 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 your 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 you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois
this 17th day of April 1996