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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT  
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Commonwealth Edison Company (EA 96-070 and EA 96-102)  
(Braidwood Station)  
Docket Nos. 50-456 and 50-457

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$100,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$100,000 will be issued on or about May 16, 1996, to Commonwealth Edison Company. The action is based on an inspection conducted by Region III at the Braidwood Station and consists of five violations associated with the station's configuration control and equipment out of service programs, and the failure to take corrective action to prevent recurrent problems in these areas. The violations collectively represent a significant lack of attention towards licensed responsibilities and are classified in the aggregate as a Severity Level III problem. As this problem was not the first non-willful Severity Level III problem within the previous two years, the factor of identification was considered. Because the problem was identified by the NRC, credit was not warranted for identification. Credit was not warranted for the licensee's corrective action because configuration control and out of service errors continued to frequently occur after the NRC exit meeting up to the time of the enforcement conference, and many of the licensee's proposed long-term corrective actions were presented at the enforcement conference without scheduled completion dates. This resulted in a civil penalty in twice the base amount of \$100,000.

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	May 16, 1996
Telephone Notification of Licensee	May 16, 1996

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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