

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Commonwealth Edison Company
Dresden Station, Units 2 and 3

Docket Nos. 50-237; 50-249
License No. DPR-19; DPR-25

During an NRC inspection conducted on July 8 through October 17, 1996, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion V, requires in part, that activities affecting quality be prescribed by documented procedures of a type appropriate for the circumstances and include appropriate qualitative acceptance criteria for determining that important activities have been satisfactorily accomplished.

Contrary to the above, Maintenance Procedure DES 6700-03, Revision 7, dated April 18, 1996, "Inspection and Maintenance of General Electric 4KV Magne-Blast Circuit Breakers Types AM-4.76-250-OD (Horizontal Drawout)," an activity affecting quality, was not appropriate for the circumstances in that it directed an inappropriate sequence of lubrication steps including the use of an incompatible degreaser. In addition, the licensee failed to control the use of incompatible chemicals, such as penetrating oils, that were used during breaker troubleshooting and maintenance. This resulted in hardened grease preventing the 3A Low Pressure Coolant Injection (LPCI) pump breaker from tripping open for ten seconds on June 11, 1996.

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

With regard to this violation, the NRC has concluded that the information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence and the date when full compliance was achieved is already adequately addressed in the enclosed inspection report (Nos. 50-237/96012(DRS); 50-249/96012(DRS)). However, you are required to submit a written statement or explanation pursuant to 10 CFR 2.201 if the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to respond, clearly mark your response as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and send it 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).

Dated at Lisle, Illinois
this 14th day of November 1996

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