

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Commonwealth Edison Company
LaSalle Station, Units 1 and 2

Docket Nos. 50-373; 50-374
Licenses No. NPF-11; NPF-18

During an NRC inspection completed on February 28, 1997, 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:

Technical Specification (TS) No. 6.2(B) required that radiation control procedures shall be maintained, made available to station personnel, and adhered to.

- a. Station radiation protection (RP) Procedure No. LRP 5721-6 (Revision 0), "Construction of Radiologically Posted Areas and Step-Off Pad Areas," required, in part, that prior to releasing a contaminated area for use, an RP technician shall ensure that reasonable efforts are made to prevent the spread of contamination from a contaminated area and that the area be properly posted and set-up.
- b. Station RP Procedure No. LRP 5721-6 (Revision 0), "Construction of Radiologically Posted Areas and Step-Off Pad Areas" required, in part, that hoses and electrical cords that breach a contaminated boundary be taped or tied securely, or otherwise secured, where they exit the area.
- c. Station RP Procedure No. LRP-5010-1 (Revision 3), "Radiological Posting and Labeling Requirements," required, in part, that radiation rope and/or tape be used to delineate all boundaries of a contaminated area.

Contrary to the above:

- a. As of February 23, 1997, an RP technician did not ensure reasonable efforts were made to prevent the spread of contamination from the contaminated areas in the Unit 1 "A" and "B" heater drain pump rooms prior to releasing them for use. Specifically, no controls were in place to prevent ground water from flowing from the posted contaminated areas to adjacent clean areas.
- b. As of February 23, 1997, in the 734' elevation of the radioactive waste building and in the Unit 1 "A" heater drain pump room, hoses and ropes breached a contaminated boundary without being taped or tied securely, or otherwise secured, where they exited the area.
- c. As of February 23, 1997, the boundaries of two sample sinks in the chemistry laboratory that were posted as potentially contaminated areas did not have the contaminated area boundaries delineated by radiation rope or tape.

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

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 of Violation (Notice), within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this 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 violation, 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 24th day of March 1997