

## NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Illinois Power Company  
Clinton Power Station

Docket No. 50-461  
License No. NPF-62

During an NRC inspection conducted on January 6-10, 1997, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600 (60 FR 34381; June 30, 1995), the violation is listed below:

The Clinton Power Station Emergency Plan, Revision 10, Section 3.0 Emergency Response Facilities and Equipment, Paragraph 3.2.3, "Meteorological Monitoring System," states that "A backup meteorological tower is located at the C"SS site and is instrumented at the 33 foot (10 meter) level. The meteorological parameters measured are wind speed and wind direction. Sigma Theta is calculated from the changes in wind direction. All three of these variables are available in the Technical Support Center and are read from a line printer."

Contrary to the above, a Condition Report (1-94-10-002) dated September 30, 1994, and issued October 3, 1994, indicated that the backup meteorological tower wind speed and wind direction sensors were inoperable. This condition had not been corrected. The wind speed and wind direction sensors have been unavailable since October 1994.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Clinton Nuclear Power Station is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555, with a copy to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III, 801 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois, 60532-4351, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the Clinton Nuclear Power Station within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation. 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. 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.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois  
this 13th day of March 1997