

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Commonwealth Edison Company
Byron Station, Units 1 and 2

Docket Nos.: 50-454; 50-455
License Nos.: NPF-37; NPF-66

During an NRC inspection conducted on July 14 through August 24, 1998, one violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, Revision 1, the violation is listed below:

10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion V, "Instructions, Procedures, and Drawings," requires, in part, that activities affecting quality shall be prescribed by documented procedures of a type appropriate to the circumstances and shall be accomplished in accordance with these instructions, procedures, or drawings.

Contrary to the above, from at least June 16 until at least June 18, 1998, Byron Administrative Procedure 1100-3, "Fire Protection Systems, Fire Rated Assemblies, Ventilation Seals, Flood Seals, and Water Tight Doors Impairments," Revision 11, was not of a type appropriate to the circumstances, in that the procedural guidance allowed licensee personnel to reach the conclusion that the main control room ventilation (VC) envelope could be altered by simultaneously opening three main control room doors without affecting the operability of the VC system. However, with the main control room doors opened both trains of the VC system were inoperable and the facility was in a condition prohibited by Technical Specification.

This is a Severity Level IV violation (Supplement I). (50-454/455-98017-02(DRP))

The NRC has concluded that 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 on the docket in LER 50-454/98016, dated August 6, 1998. 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).

If you contest this enforcement action, you should also provide a copy of your response to the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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If you chose to respond, 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. If personal privacy or proprietary information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, then please provide a bracketed copy of your response that identifies the information that should be protected and a redacted copy of your response that deletes such information. If you request withholding of such material, you must specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld and provide in detail the bases for your claim of withholding (e.g., explain why the disclosure of information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or provide the information required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information). If safeguards information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois
this 18th day of September 1998