

July 20, 1998
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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Baltimore Gas and Electric Company.
Calvert Cliffs
Docket No. 50-317; 50-318

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$110,000 (NRC Inspection Report No. 50-317,318/98-05)

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of \$110,000, will be issued on or about July 23, 1998 to Baltimore Gas and Electric Company. for a Severity Level III problem involving several violations for failure to properly implement radiological procedures which were cited in the inspection report issued June 2, 1998.

The failure to adhere to radiological control procedures for monitoring and controlling personnel exposure resulted in one worker receiving an unplanned exposure in excess of the Special Work Permit limit, and also created the potential for additional workers to receive unplanned exposures. Under less optimum conditions (i.e., greater area dose rates) exposures in excess of regulatory limits could have occurred. The NRC is particularly concerned that these failures occurred despite the improvements that made to their radiological protection program following a serious event in April 1997, in which the failed to implement appropriate radiological controls during diving operations in the Unit 2 spent fuel pool. A \$176,000 civil penalty was previously issued for the related violations which were categorized at a Severity Level II, and a Severity Level III Violation with No Civil Penalty was issued for the failure to establish adequate controls for airborne radioactivity for work in the reactor cavity in May 1997. During the April 9, 1998, entries to the annulus, deficiencies similar to those identified during these previous events were identified, including ineffective pre-job briefings, failure of radiation protection personnel to provide adequate monitoring of personnel exposure, and lack of management oversight.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement decision.

Mailing of the Notice of Violation
Telephone Notification of Licensee

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The State of Maryland 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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