

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Commonwealth Edison Company
Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2

Docket Nos. 50-456; 50-457
License Nos. NPF 72; NPF 77

During an NRC inspection conducted on October 13-19, 1998, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement and Procedures for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG 1600, the violation is listed below:

Section 2.G of Facility Operating License No. NPF-72, dated July 2, 1987, and Section 2.F of Facility Operating License No. NPF-77, dated December 18, 1987, require the licensee to maintain in effect and fully implement all provisions of the Commission-approved Braidwood Station Physical Security Plan, including amendments and changes made pursuant to the authority of 10 CFR 50.54(p).

Section 7.3.3 of the Braidwood Station Security Plan describes the compensatory measures to be implemented for an unlocked or unalarmed vital area door (Details are Safeguards Information).

Section 11.1 of the Braidwood Station Security Plan describes the number of guards that must be immediately available at all times for immediate response to security contingencies (Details are Safeguards Information).

Contrary to the above, the licensee security staff discovered that on three occasions between August 26 and October 2, 1998, security officers were found asleep on their post. On August 26, 1998, compensatory measures required by Section 7.3.3 of the security plan for a vital area door were not effective because the security officer used for the compensatory measures was found asleep. On September 17, 1998, the minimum number of guards required by Section 11.1 of the security plan to be available for immediate response for security contingencies was not available because a member of the armed response force was found asleep. On October 2, 1998, compensatory measures for an opening in the reactor containment liner was not effective because the security officer posted to control access was found asleep.

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

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to prevent recurrence and when full compliance was achieved is already adequately addressed on the docket in Commonwealth Edison letter dated February 4, 1998; Subject: "Reply To Violation" for Inspection Reports 50-456/97020; 50-457/97020, dated January 7, 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 the response as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation," and send it to the Nuclear regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region III, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is 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.

If you choose to respond, your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). Therefore, to the extent possible, the response should not contain any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

Dated this 10th day of November 1998