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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PN39239A

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region III staff on this date.

Facility:

Commonwealth Edison Co.
Dresden 2
Morris, Illinois

Licensee Emergency Classification

___ General Emergency
___ Site Area Emergency
X Alert
___ Unusual Event
___ N/A

Docket No. 50-237

Subject: BRIEF LOSS OF SOME CONTROL ROOM ANNUNCIATORS (UPDATE)

At 11:29 a.m. (CLT) on July 1, 1992, annunciators on four control room panels were lost about three times in five seconds. Later during troubleshooting efforts, the annunciators were again lost momentarily. The licensee declared an Alert under its emergency plan.

The Alert classification was terminated at 7:05 p.m. after the licensee identified the apparent cause of the annunciator problem and took corrective action. The plant remained at 77 percent power throughout the event.

The apparent cause of the problem was a loose connection in a copper link within a fuse holder. When spare electrical cables were being pulled as part of an annunciator system modification, the movement apparently jostled the copper link, causing it to momentarily lose continuity.

The licensee installed a jumper cable around the copper link. The annunciator panels were successfully tested prior to terminating the Alert.

Region III (Chicago) and NRC Headquarters entered an increased monitoring mode until the alert was terminated. Two electrical specialists were dispatched to the site to monitor the licensee's activities.

The State of Illinois will be informed of this updated information. The information in this preliminary notification has been reviewed with licensee management.

This information is current as of 2 p.m., July 2, 1992.

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