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**NRC STAFF IMPOSES \$40,000 CIVIL PENALTY AGAINST CP&L;
FINE REDUCED BY \$10,000 AFTER REVIEW OF COMPANY'S RESPONSE**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has reduced from \$50,000 to \$40,000 a proposed civil penalty against Carolina Power & Light Company for violation of radiation protection requirements at the H. B. Robinson nuclear plant are Hartsville, South Carolina.

This action was taken after the NRC staff reviewed CP&L's response to the proposed fine, of which the company was informed on December 1, 1981.

Richard DeYoung, Director of NRC's Office of Inspection and Enforcement, notified CP&L in a letter on February 23, 1982, that the staff is mitigating the proposed penalty because it agrees with CP&L's reply to a citation concerning inadequate radiation surveys in a work area. The NRC staff concluded, based on additional information provided, that CP&L's survey was adequate. The staff reiterated its position on other alleged violations and has issued a formal order imposing a \$40,000 civil penalty.

NRC enforcement action was begun as the result of an overexposure to an employee at the Robinson plant on August 15, 1981.

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