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OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Louisiana Power & Light Company
(Waterford 3) Docket No. 50-382

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTIES - \$130,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalties in the amount of \$130,000 will be issued on or about May 24, 1985 to Louisiana Power & Light Company (LP&L). This action is based on violations identified during inspections conducted to review and evaluate issues associated with allegations received in 1983 that related to the adequacy of the LP&L Quality Assurance Program at the Waterford 3 Steam Electric Station. These violations, as well as their associated corrective actions, have been reviewed, evaluated, and extensively documented. Although the violations do not appear to have led to an end-product of unacceptable quality, each of the violations do illustrate weaknesses that existed in LP&L's implementation of its Quality Assurance Program during construction. The thirteen separate violations were characterized in the aggregate as a Severity Level III problem. In determining the civil penalty amount, the Staff considered when the violations occurred, the duration of the violations, the existence of prior notice of many of the violations, and the fact that many of the violations contained multiple examples.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The Regional Administrator has been authorized by the Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, to sign this action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice	May 24, 1985
Telephone Notification of Licensee	May 24, 1985

A news release has been prepared and will be issued about the time the licensee receives the Notice. The State of Louisiana will be notified.

The licensee has sixty days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC evaluation of the response, the civil penalties may be remitted, mitigated, or imposed by Order.

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