

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

ComEd
LaSalle County Station
Units 1 and 2

Dockets No. 50-373; 50-374
Licenses No. NPF-11, NPF-18

During an NRC inspection conducted on May 25 through June 22, 1996, one violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," NUREG-1600, the violation is listed below:

Title 10 to the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 50.59(b)(1), requires, in part, that licensees maintain records of changes in the facility "to the extent that these changes constitute changes in the facility as described in the safety analysis report." These records must include a written safety evaluation which provides the bases that the change does not involve an unreviewed safety question.

LaSalle Updated Final Safety Analysis Report Section 7.5.2.2.2.1, "Drywell Hydrogen and Oxygen Monitoring Subsystem," subsection Operational Considerations, Revision 5, stated, in part, "During normal operation, the system is maintained in a standby mode."

Contrary to the above, on June 13, 1996, and routinely for more than a year prior to that date, the drywell hydrogen and oxygen monitoring systems for Units 1 and 2 were being operated in a continuous mode, not maintained in a standby mode, and a written safety evaluation to support this change in operation had not been performed.

This is a Severity Level IV Violation (Supplement I).

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, ComEd is hereby required to submit a written statement of explanation to the U.S. 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 LaSalle facility, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting this Notice of Violation (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation" and should include for each violation: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation, (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (3) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, an order or a Demand for Information may be issued as to why the license should not be modified, suspended, or revoked, or why such other action as may be proper should not be taken. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the response time.

Because your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), to the extent possible, it should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction. However, if you find it necessary to include such information, you should clearly indicate the specific information that you desire not to be placed in the PDR, and provide the legal basis to support your request for withholding the information from the public.

Dated at Lisle, Illinois
this 17 day of September 1996