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March 14, 1986
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OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Commonwealth Edison Company
(LaSalle County Nuclear Power Station)
Docket No. 50-374

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$50,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) will be issued on or about March 19, 1986 to Commonwealth Edison Company. The action involves the failure by the licensee to properly evaluate emergency core cooling system (ECCS) Division 1 operability after closing the low pressure coolant injection minimum flow valve to perform maintenance. Since Division 3, which consists of the high pressure core spray system, had already been declared inoperable by the licensee, this resulted in two ECCS divisions being inoperable at the same time. By the time that one of the divisions was restored to operable status, two divisions of ECCs had been inoperable for more than 13 hours without action being initiated to restore one of the inoperable divisions to operable status or to meet the requirements of the applicable Technical Specification action statement.

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:

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| Mailing of Notice | March 19, 1986 |
| Telephone Notification of Licensee | March 19, 1986 |

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

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

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