

May 12, 1997
EN 97-035

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Northeast Utilities (EAs 96-001, 96-286, 96-334, 96-337,
Haddam Neck 96-338, 96-339 96-340, 96-407, 96-440,
96-495)
Docket No. 50-213

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTIES - \$650,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalties (Notice) in the amount of \$650,000 will be issued on or about May 12, 1997, to Northeast Utilities. The action is based on three Severity Level II problems consisting of multiple individual violations. In addition, the action contains one Severity Level III problem not assessed a civil penalty and numerous Severity Level IV violations. The staff consulted with the Commission on this action in SECY-97-066, and the Commission approved the issuance of the action by SRM dated April 16, 1997.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice	May 12, 1997
Telephone Notification of Licensee	May 12, 1997

The State of Connecticut 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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VERIFICATION THAT LICENSEE HAS RECEIVED ACTION

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