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The Honorable Richard L. Ottinger, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy Conservation and Power
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed for your information is an announcement that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has mitigated a \$30,000 civil penalty proposed on March 13 of this year for an alleged violation of NRC radiation protection requirements at Carolina Power and Light Company's H. B. Robinson nuclear plant.

It is planned to mail this information to the news media today, September 11, 1984.

Sincerely,

Carlton Kammerer, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure:
As stated

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IDENTICAL LETTER SENT TO:
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NRC STAFF MITIGATES PROPOSED \$30,000 FINE AGAINST CPL

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has mitigated a \$30,000 civil penalty proposed on March 13 of this year for an alleged violation of NRC radiation protection requirements at Carolina Power and Light (CPL) Company's H. B. Robinson nuclear plant near Hartsville, South Carolina.

Richard C. DeYoung, Director of NRC's Office of Inspection and Enforcement, told CPL in a letter that this action was taken after reviewing the company's response to the proposed fine. Mr. DeYoung said he decided to mitigate the penalty in recognition of CPL's prompt reporting of the incident, prompt investigation of the circumstances, and decisive corrective action. He also took note of the acknowledgment of mistakes by the shift foreman and reactor operator involved.

"I wish to emphasize that the full mitigation of the civil penalty does not diminish the NRC's concern for the lack of adequate radiation protection control demonstrated by this...violation and the need for continued steady progress in improved performance in this area," Mr. DeYoung added.

The penalty was proposed because of an incident on February 21-22 of this year, when a CPL licensed reactor operator and a contractor health physics employee entered a high radiation area without the necessary procedural controls being followed.

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