

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Commonwealth Edison Company  
Byron Station, Units 1 and 2

Docket Nos. 50-454; 50-455  
License Nos. NPF-37; NPF-66

During an NRC inspection conducted from September 27 through December 17, 1996, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the NUREG-1600, "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," the violation is listed below:

Byron Technical Specification 6.8.1 states, in part, that written procedures shall be established, implemented, and maintained covering the activities associated with Fire Protection Program implementation.

Byron Administrative Procedure, BAP 1100-3, "Fire Protection Systems, Fire Rated Assemblies, Ventilation Seals, and Flood Seal Impairments," Revision 10, states, in part, that a Barrier/Fire Protection Systems Impairment Permit, BAP 1100-3T1, shall be initiated by the department in charge of the work before a Barrier/Fire Protection System is taken out of service, impaired, or otherwise rendered inoperable.

Contrary to the above, on October 7, 1996, fire door D-846 (a barrier/fire protection system) was impaired without a Barrier/Fire Protection Systems Impairment Permit (50-455/96009-06(DRP)).

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Commonwealth Edison is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington, D.C. 20555 with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region III, and a copy to the NRC Resident Inspector at the facility that is the subject of this Notice, within 30 days of the date of the letter transmitting the 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. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in the Notice, an order may be issued to show cause 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1997