

Indiana Michigan Electric shut down both D. C. Cook units in September of last year after an NRC design inspection raised questions about how past plant modifications had been controlled and reviewed. The other violations were identified during subsequent NRC inspections.

The units have remained shut down while the utility performed extensive reviews and modifications of the plant. Inspections and repairs of the ice condensers are still under way.

The plant will not resume operation until deficiencies are corrected. Further NRC inspections will be conducted to assure that problems are corrected and that the facility is ready for restart.

An oversight panel of NRC regional and headquarters staff members is monitoring the utility's corrective actions and performance improvement activities. This panel meets periodically with the utility to review the status of work at the plant. The meetings are open to the public.

The utility has until November 12 to pay the fine or to protest it. If the fine is protested and subsequently imposed by the NRC staff, the utility may request a hearing.

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Note: The letter notifying the utility and the Notice of Violation are available on the NRC's web site at:
<http://www.nrc.gov/OPA/reports>.