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## NRC ISSUES CONFIRMATORY ORDER TO D.C. COOK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a Confirmatory Order to the D.C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant for an access control related violation. The two-unit plant operated by Indiana Michigan Power Co. is in Stevensville, Mich., roughly 60 miles southwest of Kalamazoo.

The violation stems from two D.C. Cook supervisory-level individuals who failed to ensure a high level company official who was offsite when randomly selected for Fitness-for-Duty (FFD) testing was tested when the individual came onsite at the earliest available time.

As a result of an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) meeting which used a mediator to resolve the issues, Indiana Michigan Power Co. has agreed to abide by a Confirmatory Order. A Confirmatory Order is a legally binding commitment that outlines a number of actions the company must take to ensure the NRC's concerns will be addressed. Some of the commitments for the company include: conduct unannounced FFD on the high level official; revise aspects of the FFD procedure; develop a lessons-learned presentation of the events that occurred emphasizing the procedural and NRC requirements regardless of pressure due to organizational structure and time constraints; and make the presentation at an industry FFD forum so that others in similar positions may receive the information.

Indiana Michigan Power Co. has agreed to address these issues according to the timelines established in the Confirmatory Order and to send the NRC a letter documenting completion of the actions within 30 days after they are done.

The NRC's Confirmatory Order will be made publically available through the [AGENCY DOCUMENTS ACCESS AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM](#) (ADAMS) at the NRC website.

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