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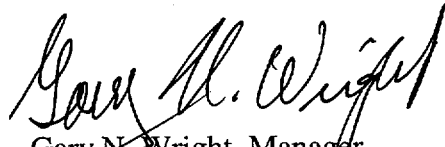
Mrs. Cynthia Pederson, Director  
Division of Nuclear Materials  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region III  
801 Warrenville Road  
Lisle, Illinois 60532

Dear Ms. Pederson:

Mr. Clifford Thompson, our State Resident Engineer at the Byron Nuclear Power Station has completed his Zion training program for a permanently shutdown/decommissioned nuclear plant. He is qualified to perform inspections at the Zion Nuclear Plant and has no financial or other interests that may call into question his objectivity or that might create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest while performing activities under the oversight of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), at the Zion Nuclear Power Plant.

My signature on this letter provides certification of Mr. Thompson's objectivity in accordance with Section VI A.5 of Subagreement 3 pertaining to State Resident Engineers between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the State of Illinois, dated November 20, 1990. Mr. Clifford Thompson and my staff will continue to cooperate with you and coordinate our efforts to maintain nuclear safety in Illinois. Inspections will be performed in accordance with Addendum No. 1 to Subagreement No. 3.

Sincerely,

  
Gary N. Wright, Manager  
Office of Nuclear Facility Safety

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