

ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY

U-0097
Q-37-79(06-15)-9

500 SOUTH 27TH STREET, DECATUR, ILLINOIS 62525
June 15, 1979

Mr. James Keppler
Director, Region III
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Mr. Keppler:

This is in response to Mr. Fiorelli's letter of May 9, 1979, which forwarded IE Inspection Report No. 50-461/79-03 detailing the findings of the NRC/RO III inspection conducted at Illinois Power Company's Clinton Power Station site on April 10-12, 1979. The one item of noncompliance cited in the report states that measures established were not sufficient to assure that all internal concrete vibrators in use met the 8000 vpm frequency requirements of Specification K-2944. Your inspector did verify that this parameter was being measured on a random basis during concrete placements.

As an initial corrective action, concrete vibrators at the Clinton site were tested to confirm their capability to operate at the specified minimum frequency. These tests indicated that as long as the vibrator is operable, it will normally operate above 8000 vpm.

To add further assurance, in-process placement inspection has been modified to include verification of operating frequency for each vibrator used during any placement of safety-related concrete. This modified inspection practice became effective June 11, 1979. Inspection records documenting this verification have become part of concrete placement work packages. Appropriate changes to written procedures have been made to ensure that proper vibrator frequency is verified on a continuing basis.

It is believed that the foregoing adequately addresses the item of noncompliance conveyed in your report. I trust that this completes our corrective action to your satisfaction.

Sincerely,

W. C. Gerstner
W. C. Gerstner
Executive Vice President

501 153
dl

cc: CPS/DRC-MICROFILM, T-29

119 1979

7908080422