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January 31, 1990

Mr. A. Bert Davis
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
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Subject: Byron Station Units 1 and 2
Inspection Report Nos.
50-454/89016 and 50-455/89018
NRC Docket Nos. 50-454 and 50-455

Reference: (a) December 14, 1989 letter from T.J. Kovach
to A.B. Davis

Dear Mr. Davis:

Reference (a) stated the Commonwealth Edison corporate review of the generic applicability of 10 CFR 50.59 safety evaluations was on-going and information regarding the screening process would be provided by January 31, 1990. The original intent of this corporate review was to determine applicability of safety evaluations prior to manipulation of Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) valves in response to a Notice of Violation in the subject Inspection Report. Specifically, when the resulting position is different from the normal valve lineup and has not been repositioned as a result of an OOS or an approved procedure. This original intent is being considered as part of the review conducted by the Commonwealth Edison 50.59 Corporate Task Force.

The task force is expected to complete it's review and provide a draft response to the Corporate office by February 9, 1990. Corporate review and acceptance of the draft response will result in issuance of a Nuclear Operations Directive (NOD). Each station will be required to implement the recommendations contained in the NOD within 60 days of receipt. Tentatively, the NOD will describe a minimum set of screening criteria to be used to identify operability decisions for off-normal operations inclusive of abnormal valve lineups in the ECCS system. The criteria will provide focus for the operations departments at each of the stations, highlighting operability decisions which can then be considered for possible part 50.59 applicability. Final disposition of the NOD and a brief description of its content as applicable to abnormal ECCS valve positions will be provided by April 15, 1990.

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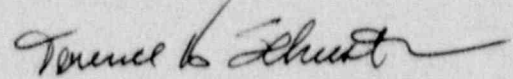
A. B. Davis

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Please direct any questions regarding this matter to this office.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "T. K. Schuster", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

T. K. Schuster
Nuclear Licensing Administrator

cc: Resident Inspector
P. C. Shemanski - NRR

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