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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: LaSalle County Station Units 1 and 2
Alternate Operability Assessment
Criteria for Piping Systems
Tac Nos. 63064 and 63065
Docket Nos. 50-373 and 50-374

Reference: (a) P.C. Shemanski letter to H.E. Bliss dated
December 12, 1988.
(b) CEC/NRC meeting April 12, 1989
Discussion on operability criteria.

Dear Dr. Murley:

Reference (a) requested additional information concerning Commonwealth Edison's LaSalle County Station Topical Report on Alternate Operability Assessment Criteria for Piping Systems. This additional information was needed before the NRC's evaluation of this report could be finalized.

Reference (a) further suggested that a meeting be held to discuss these questions. This meeting took place in NRR offices on April 12, 1989 (Reference (b)).

Based on the discussions held at this meeting, Commonwealth Edison would like to formally withdraw the request for approval of the Piping Operability Criteria for LaSalle Station.

CECo would like to briefly reiterate that for LaSalle, the current approach regarding the use of the operability criteria will continue to be followed. CECo will perform system walkdowns consistent with current station procedures prior to initiating engineering resolution (especially if a water hammer event was suspected) and CECo will continue to notify the NRC Region III if the engineering resolution requires the use of the operability criteria. It should be noted that the operability criteria is used infrequently.

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact this office.

Very truly yours,

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