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Mr. A. Bert Davis
Regional Administrator
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
799 Roosevelt Road
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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) January 31, 1990, Letter from
T.K. Schuster to A. Bert Davis

Dear Mr. Davis:

The letter of reference (a) stated a corporate review of the generic applicability of 10 CFR 50.59 safety evaluations was underway. Also, that as a result of this review the applicability of safety evaluations prior to manipulation of Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) valves to abnormal positions would be resolved in response to a Notice of Violation. Specifically, the conditions of concern would be when the valves have not been repositioned as a result of an OOS or an approved procedure. It was also stated that a draft report would be internally issued by February 9, 1990 and that final disposition of a resultant Nuclear Operations Directive (NOD) and its content as applicable to abnormal ECCS valve positions would be provided by April 15, 1990. The following describes our actions relative to these commitments.

The Corporate Task Force completed a draft document entitled "10 CFR 50.59 Implementation Task Force Report" on February 8, 1990. The draft report was issued to each of the Commonwealth Edison Nuclear Stations for review and comment. Numerous comments were received on the draft. Incorporation of these comments into the draft and reformatting to produce a Corporate NOD, including an assessment of the required resources for implementation, will be an iterative process. Issuance of the NOD in an approved form is therefore planned for October 1, 1990. The final content and implementation schedule, as specifically applicable to abnormal ECCS valve positions, will be provided at that time since it has not yet been established.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to this office.

Very truly yours,

T.K. Schuster
Nuclear Licensing Administrator

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