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Docket No. 50-461

Mr. James G. Keppler
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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Subject: Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance
for Clinton Power Station

Dear Mr. Keppler:

This is in response to your report covering the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) for Clinton Power Station (CPS). Illinois Power Company's comments concerning your evaluation of our facility are as follows:

With reference to Enclosure 1, you stated "The licensee's performance in transforming his original plans to actions was not as effective and timely as anticipated. There were several instances where issues were not fully understood, planning was inadequate and details for accomplishing the tasks were lacking." Illinois Power (IPC) has since taken action to assure effective and timely implementation of the IPC Improvement Program. These actions include:

- a. A new Vice President has been appointed to direct quality assurance, engineering, startup and operations. The Vice President is located on-site and has daily communications with management at Clinton Power Station. This action has greatly enhanced management's ability to address quality issues and to assure coordinated action is taken on the issues.
- b. The engineering firm of Stone and Webster (SWEC) has been retained by Illinois Power as management support involved with the construction of CPS. A SWEC employee has been appointed to coordinate the quality recovery efforts.

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- c. Increased emphasis is being placed on the hiring and retention of qualified, experienced personnel. Further, improvements are being made to CPS training, qualification, and certification programs to assure qualified personnel are available to support the recovery efforts.
- d. Increased emphasis is being placed on planning, development, and implementation of detailed schedules supporting the Illinois Power Company Improvement Program, including the quality recovery effort.
- e. Increased emphasis is being placed on the establishment of tracking systems to assure positive progress on planned and scheduled action supporting the Illinois Power Company Improvement Program, including the quality recovery effort.
- f. An evaluation has been made of both Baldwin Associates (BA) and IPC quality assurance staffs to ensure adequacy of the resources to support the established schedules.
- g. Improvements have been made to the quality assurance audit/surveillance system to verify the effectiveness of the IPC Improvement Program.

With reference to Paragraphs IV.9.b, you stated "The most serious licensee identified problems included the inability to reduce construction rejects and keep inspection activities commensurate with construction activities." Illinois Power Company is taking positive corrective action on the above problems which include:

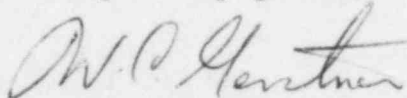
- a. development of a "traveler tracking system" to enhance controls over, and maintain status of construction work activities;
- b. implementation of the "traveler control" program, to prevent further inspection work backlog;
- c. increased emphasis on completion and inspection of in-process construction work;

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- d. development and implementation of an enhanced IPC Corrective Action Program to assure the timely correction of conditions adverse to quality and to prevent their recurrence;
- e. increased emphasis on reducing the backlog of nonconformance reports (NCRs) and deviation reports (DRs), through enhanced procedural controls, streamlining the NCR/DR documentation process, development of NCR/DR tracking programs, and realignment of manpower and priorities to reduce the existing backlog, and
- f. an evaluation has been made to both BA and IPC quality assurance staffs to ensure adequacy of the resources to support the established schedules.

In summary, we feel that significant progress has been made in all areas covered by the SALP evaluation. We hope that these comments provide you an indication of the improvements made to our quality assurance program, and demonstrate Illinois Power's commitment to and continued support of a strong, effective quality assurance program that will ensure quality construction, testing, and operation.

Very truly yours,



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