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Docket No. 50-373
Docket No. 50-374

Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Cordell Reed
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Dear Mr. Reed:

This refers to the inspection conducted by D. Hills, C. Phillips, and M. Miller of this office, and by J. Roman of the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety, on October 14 through November 25, 1992. The inspection included a review of authorized activities for your LaSalle County Station. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). These violations are of concern as they represent a lack of attention to detail during refueling operations, routine operations, and in the preparation of procedures. This problem was further emphasized by the failure of operations personnel to recognize that authorizing an out-of-service was not consistent with the current plant configuration. The significance of these instances ranged from two fuel assemblies being loaded in the incorrect storage locations to reactor scrams. We request a written response within 30 days describing your actions to address the lack of attention to detail at your station. We are concerned with the effectiveness of management in taking lasting corrective actions. As a result, we would like to discuss this report and subsequent events at a management meeting which will be scheduled with you in the near future.

Other activities were also identified to be in violation of NRC requirements. However, as described in the enclosed inspection report, these violations will not be subject to enforcement action because the criteria specified in Section VII.B of the "General Statement of Policy and Procedures for NRC Enforcement Actions," (Enforcement Policy, 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1992)) were satisfied.

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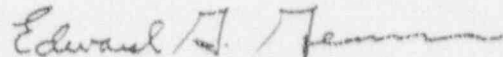
You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,



Edward G. Greenman, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Reports
 No. 50-373/92027(DRP);
 No. 50-374/92027(DRP)

cc w/enclosures:

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