

October 18, 1996

Mr. K. Graesser
Site Vice President
Byron Station
Commonwealth Edison Company
4450 N. German Church Road
Byron, IL 61010

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-454/455/96007
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Graesser:

On September 26, 1996, the NRC completed an inspection at your Byron 1 & 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the inspection results.

During the 6-week inspection period, the inspectors observed examples of safety-conscious operations, sound engineering and maintenance practices, and careful radiological controls. However, we are concerned about your configuration controls during the conduct of surveillance tests. In one instance, the inspectors identified a violation regarding an inadequate procedure that resulted in running the 2A chemical and volume control pump without essential service water to its lube oil cooler.

The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation, and the circumstances surrounding the violation are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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Sincerely,

Original signed by John A. Grobe

James L. Caldwell, Acting Director,
Division of Reactor Projects

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report 50-454/455-96007(DRP)

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