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Docket No. 50-454
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Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Cordell Reed
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. J. M. Hinds, K. A. Connaughton, P. G. Brochman, R. Lerch, M. Ring, D. Hills, T. Reidinger, D. Williams, M. Farber, B. Burgess, L. Hueter, and C. Gill of this office on January 1 through March 26, April 6, 9, 10, and 12, 1985, of activities at Byron Station, Units 1 and 2, authorized by NRC Operating License NPF-37 and NRC Construction Permit CPPR-131 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. R. E. Querio and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. This also refers to the management meetings conducted at Byron Station on January 2, 16 and 30 and February 14 and 27, 1985, concerning operating performance, schedules, reportable events, and associated action plans. Additionally, this refers to the enforcement conference conducted in our office on April 29, 1985, relating to (1) the operation of Unit 1 with certain protection system components not being seismically qualified, and (2) the adequacy of the technical review of test results.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection and discussed during the enforcement conference. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Appendix. A written response is required. With regard to Item 2, we recognize that the operator error was identified and corrected by the plant staff before the technical specification time allowance for corrective action had elapsed; however, such procedural errors are of concern to us and we therefore request that in your response you thoroughly reflect the remedial measures taken by both station and corporate personnel to preclude recurrence of such errors.

We carefully considered the need to pursue further escalated enforcement actions for those matters discussed during the enforcement conference; however, based on the lack of safety significance, we have decided to not pursue such actions. Nevertheless, we believe the issues merit your close examination to determine lessons that can be learned to avoid similar problems

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in the future. Along this line, in response to this letter please describe your actions to assure all of your personnel involved in the review of test results have been sensitized to the need for thorough, rigorous, and completely documented reviews of test results.

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,

Original signed by
James G. Keppler

James G. Keppler
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. Appendix, Notice
of Violation
2. Inspection Reports
No. 50-454/85002(DRP);
No. 50-455/85001(DRP)

cc w/enclosures:

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