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Docket No. 50-461

Illinois Power Company
ATTN: Mr. W. C. Gerstner
Executive Vice President
500 South 27th Street
Decatur, IL 62525

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. T. P. Gwynn and others of this office on July 9, 1985 through August 19, 1985 of activities at Clinton Power Station authorized by NRC Construction Permit No. CPPR-137, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. D. P. Hall and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. 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 described in the enclosed Appendix. With respect to item 1 the inspection showed that action had been taken to correct the identified violation and to prevent recurrence, that is, upgrade procedures, train craft workers and quality control inspectors and perform a one month surveillance of nonconformance report dispositions to verify that the corrective actions were adequate. Consequently, no reply to this violation is required and we have no further questions regarding the matter at this time.

Regarding the remaining item, a written response is required.

Paragraph 2.j. of the enclosed inspection report discusses the overinspection of structural steel beams and meetings between the Senior Resident Inspector (SRI) and IP representatives to clarify our understanding of your commitments. Because adverse findings by your inspectors had previously resulted in 100% overinspection of accessible structural steel commencing in August 1984, the SRI was concerned to learn that some secondary structural steel members and additional steel structures were being excluded from the Overinspection Program. After review of this matter by NRC inspectors, the following was communicated to your representatives by the SRI on August 1, 1985:

1. For approximately 350 beams identified as secondary with no over-inspection required, IP must provide the methodology by which future modifications will be controlled such that beams not subject to over-inspection will be inspected prior to performance of the modification, or justify why inspection at that point in time is not required.

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2. For the additional list of steel structures given to the SRI and not subject to overinspection, perform overinspection or submit justification to Region III for termination of overinspection of that commodity.

This information was reiterated at the exit meeting held onsite on August 19, 1985. Your response is requested.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures 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,

"Original signed by R. F. Warnick"

for
Charles E. Norelius, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

1. Appendix, Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report No.
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cc w/enclosures:

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