

November 27, 1996

EA 96-355

Mr. J. H. Mueller
Site Vice President
Zion Generating Station
Commonwealth Edison Company
101 Shiloh Boulevard
Zion, IL 60099

SUBJECT: NRC PREDECISIONAL ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE REPORT

Dear Mr. Mueller:

This refers to a Predecisional Enforcement Conference conducted by Mr. A. B. Beach, Regional Administrator, and other members of the Region III and Headquarters staff on November 12, 1996. The subject of this conference was the apparent violations at Zion Station identified in NRC Inspection Reports No. 50-295/96011; 50-304/96011 and involving: (1) an ineffective 10 CFR 50.59 Safety Evaluation process; (2) inadequate modification closeout and post-modification testing; (3) failure to follow procedures and inadequate procedures which contributed to lack of control of Technical Specification Interpretations; (4) inadequate identification and resolution of recurring equipment deficiencies; and (5) weak oversight of engineering activities. We have enclosed a report summarizing the discussion.

You will be notified by separate correspondence of our decision regarding the Enforcement Action based on the information presented and discussed at the Predecisional Enforcement Conference. No response is required until you are notified of the proposed Enforcement Action.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this Predecisional Enforcement Conference.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Geoffrey E. Grant

Geoffrey E. Grant, Director
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Docket Nos. 50-295; 50-304

Enclosure: Predecisional Enforcement
Conference Report

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