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Mr. James G. Keppler
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Subject: LaSalle County Station Units 1 and 2
Response to Inspection Report Nos.
50-373/85-011 and 50-374/85-011
NRC Docket Nos. 50-373 and 50-374

Reference (a): W. D. Shafer letter to Cordell Reed
dated August 6, 1985.

Dear Mr. Keppler:

This letter is in response to the inspection conducted by Mr. G. Brown and others of your office on July 10-12, 1985, of activities at LaSalle County Station. Reference (a) indicated that certain activities appeared to be in noncompliance with NRC requirements. The Commonwealth Edison Company's response to the Notice of Violation is provided in the attachment.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please direct them to this office.

Very truly yours,

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for D. L. Farrar
Director of Nuclear Licensing

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cc: NRC Resident Inspector - LSCS

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ATTACHMENT

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION

ITEM OF NONCOMPLIANCE

10 CFR 50.54(q) states in part that a licensee authorized to possess and/or operate a nuclear power reactor shall follow and maintain in effect emergency plans which meet the standards in 50.47(b) of this Part and the requirements in Appendix E to this Part. 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Section F states in part that each licensee shall exercise at least annually the emergency plan for each site at which it has one or more power reactors licensed for operation. Section F further states...(the) exercises shall provide formal critiques in order to identify weak areas that need corrections. Any weaknesses that are identified shall be corrected.

Contrary to the above, two exercise weaknesses were identified by the NRC during the exercise conducted on October 9-11, 1984 and reported in Inspection Report Nos. 50-373/84-18 and 50-374/84-24 which were not corrected as required.

1. During the 1984 exercise, the overall performance of the technical spokespersons in the JPIC were poor. Press releases were inadequately detailed.

During the 1985 exercise, the JPIC spokesman presented a briefing which was sufficiently technical in nature but not in detail. Again the spokesman was not prepared to satisfactorily give the briefing. For instance, he was unaware of contaminated workers who had been transported off station for decontamination; he was unable to adequately describe the significance of the "Alert" emergency classification; and he incorrectly described the "General Emergency" classification as "General Area."

2. During the 1984 exercise, personnel assigned to the dedicated GSEP van were unfamiliar with operating some of its equipment.

During the 1985 exercise, Team #2 was assigned to the dedicated GSEP van. Again the team members were unfamiliar with the location of supplies, had difficulty in using the van's radio, and could not operate the built-in voltage converter.

CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS ACHIEVED

1. Commonwealth Edison has initiated a technical spokesman training program this year as a result of weaknesses identified in 1984 and 1985 regarding the JPIC spokesman position. This program consists of inhouse technical spokesman training and contractor developed media confrontation training. The individuals who had participated in the LaSalle unannounced drill had

not participated in the full training program as of that time. They, as well as all other technical spokesmen, will have received the inhouse training by the end of 1985. The contractor developed media confrontation training will be completed by the end of 1986. With this ongoing training we believe the technical spokesman will be better prepared for their duties in the JPIC.

2. Radiation Chemistry Technicians assigned to Environs Team positions receive "GSEP Van Familiarization" training and Environs sampling procedures training as part of their annual retraining. Management individuals assigned to perform Environs Team duties had not received "GSEP Van Familiarization" training.

CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN TO AVOID FURTHER NONCOMPLIANCE

1. In addition to the ongoing training received by the technical spokesman, we have assessed the type of person currently used as a JPIC spokesman. Typically, CECO has drawn upon individuals who have a great deal of technical/engineering expertise, but may not be fully knowledgeable in other areas. To provide a balance of expertise in JPIC briefings, we will begin to use, in accordance with GSEP Revision 6, a broadly-based team of spokespeople early next year. This group will be headed by a Corporate Officer or Manager who will be the Corporate Spokesman. The Corporate spokesman will be assisted by other spokesmen in various technical areas and Communications Services personnel.

By coupling the expertise of the technical spokesman with the authority of a Corporate Officer or Manager, Commonwealth Edison should provide more effective communications with the media.

2. LZP-1320-1, "Augmentation of Plant Staffing", will be revised to identify those management individuals who may be assigned to perform Environs Team Leader responsibilities. Individuals will be assigned to this position only after they have received the "GSEP Van Familiarization" training.

DATE WHEN FULL COMPLIANCE WILL BE ACHIEVED

1. The inhouse technical spokesman training will be completed by December 31, 1985 and the contractor developed media confrontation training will be completed by December 31, 1986.
2. Environs Team Leader training and revision to LZP-1320-1 will be completed by November 1, 1985.