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April 8, 1997

Mr. H. G. Stanley
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SUBJECT: NRC BRAIDWOOD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INSPECTION REPORTS
50-456/97004 (DRS); 50-457/97004(DRS) AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Stanley:

On March 7, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your Braidwood Generating Station, Units 1 and 2. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

This inspection was to perform the emergency preparedness core inspection in NRC Inspection Procedure 82701 and review the status of previous open inspection findings. The report's Executive Summary provides an overview of our assessment of your performance in Emergency Preparedness, an aspect of Plant Support. At the conclusion of the inspection the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the report.

The emergency preparedness program was effective in maintaining and improving operational readiness of your emergency response facilities, equipment, and personnel. Emergency response facilities, equipment, and supplies were in excellent material condition. Interviews with emergency response personnel demonstrated excellent knowledge of emergency implementing procedures and responsibilities. Management support was clearly a factor in the program's improvement over the last two years. However, a problem was identified with the 1996 Site Quality Verification audit of the emergency preparedness program.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violation concerns the failure to evaluate, document, and report to corporate and plant management the adequacy of interface with the State government.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Melvyn Leach (for)

Geoffrey E. Grant, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

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