

February 10, 2000

Mr. Oliver D. Kingsley
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Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Regulatory Services
Executive Towers West III
1400 Opus Place, Suite 500
Downers Grove, IL 60515

SUBJECT: SUBMITTAL OF RECENT ASSESSMENTS OF SAFETY-CONSCIOUS WORK ENVIRONMENT AT THE BYRON NUCLEAR STATION

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

On May 26, 1999, an open meeting was held at the Region III offices to discuss Commonwealth Edison (ComEd) overtime policies and the safety conscious work environment at the Byron Nuclear Station. During that meeting your staff indicated they would conduct additional assessments of the safety-conscious work environment at the station and would provide us the results of those assessments. We received a letter from your staff dated January 24, 2000, containing a recent assessment of the work environment at the Byron Nuclear Station. The letter requested that the information within the letter be treated as confidential under 10 CFR 2.790(a)(6).

It is not immediately apparent to us why your January 24, 2000 letter and attachment should be considered confidential and withheld from public disclosure. When requesting that any material be withheld, you must specifically identify the portions of your submittal that you seek to have withheld and, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790, you must either provide, in detail, the bases of your claim for withholding (e.g., explain why the disclosure of the information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy) or you must provide the information required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information. In order to properly consider your request, two additional copies of the letter must be submitted. The first copy should have the personal privacy information or proprietary information bracketed to identify the information that should be protected. The second copy should be a nonproprietary version, which is a fully redacted copy of the letter that deletes the bracketed information.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," correspondence from a licensee must be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). Upon receipt of the two additional copies of the letter, the NRC will decide whether your request meets the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790 for withholding confidential information and will place in the PDR either a copy of this letter and your original submittal or a copy of this letter with your redacted submittal.

We request a response to this request within 20 days from the date of this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please call David E. Hills, Chief, Operations Branch at (630) 829-9733.

Sincerely,

John A. Grobe
John A. Grobe, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

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