

March 31, 2000

Mr. Oliver D. Kingsley
 President, Nuclear Generation Group
 Commonwealth Edison Company
 ATTN: Regulatory Services
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 Downers Grove, IL 60515

SUBJECT: RECENT ASSESSMENTS OF SAFETY-CONSCIOUS WORK ENVIRONMENT
 AT THE BYRON NUCLEAR STATION (AITS S00-2121)

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

On May 26, 1999, a public meeting was held in the NRC Region III offices to discuss the safety-conscious work environment at the Byron Nuclear Station. During that meeting, your staff indicated that they would conduct further assessment of the safety-conscious work environment at the station. In response to a request in our subsequent letter of September 2, 1999, your staff provided the results of those assessments in a letter dated January 24, 2000.

We appreciate your willingness to share the information provided in your recent letter and encourage your continued focus on ensuring a safety-conscious work environment at the Byron Nuclear Station. Your staff concluded that your corrective actions have improved the safety culture at the station and that as changes are fully implemented the safety culture will continue to strengthen. We will continue to evaluate issues and concerns raised in this area to further ascertain the progress of your efforts. We would also appreciate your sharing with us the results of any future assessments you may decide to perform in this area. We intend to include your progress and assessments with respect to safety-conscious work environment as a topic of discussion during a meeting with ComEd later this year. If you have any concerns or questions concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. John Grobe, Director, Division of Reactor Safety at (630) 829-9700.

Sincerely,

/RA/

J. E. Dyer
 Regional Administrator

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