

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NOS. STN 50-456, STN 50-457, STN 50-454, STN 50-455,50-237, 50-249, 50-373, 50-374, 50-254, 50-265, 50-295, 50-304COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANYBRAIDWOOD STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2BYRON STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2DRESDEN NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3LASALLE COUNTY STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2QUAD CITIES NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2ZION NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2ISSUANCE OF DIRECTOR'S DECISION UNDER 10 C.F.R. § 2.206

Notice is hereby given that the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, has taken action with regard to a Petition submitted by the National Whistleblower Legal Defense and Education Fund (Petitioner), dated March 25, 1998, regarding Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd).

The Petitioner requested that the NRC take corrective action and impose civil penalties against ComEd. The Petitioner asserted that: (1) ComEd's assertion in a pleading in a case before the U.S. Department of Labor that the filing of a "Problem Identification Form" does not constitute a protected activity fosters an atmosphere of intimidation and chills the reporting of concerns in violation of 10 CFR §50.7; and (2) ComEd intentionally imposed "restrictive confidentiality" aimed at prohibiting employees from providing information to the NRC in violation of 10 C.F.R. § 50.7.

The Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has denied the Petition. The reasons for the denial are explained in the Director's Decision under 10 C.F.R. § 2.206 (DD-98-08), the complete text of which follows this notice and which is available for public

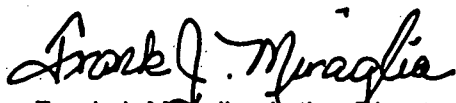
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inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555-0001; and at the local public document rooms; the Byron Public Library District, 109 N. Franklin, P.O. Box 434, Byron, Illinois 61010; the Wilmington Public Library, 201 S. Kankakee Street, Wilmington, Illinois 60481; Morris Area Public Library District, 604 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois 60450; Jacobs Memorial Library, 815 North Orlando Smith Avenue, Illinois Valley Community College, Oglesby, Illinois 61348-9692; Dixon Public Library, 221 Hennepin Avenue, Dixon, Illinois 61021; and Waukegan Public Library, 128 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois 60085.

A copy of this Decision will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for the Commission's review in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 2.206(c) of the Commission's regulations. As provided by this regulation, this Decision will constitute the final action of the Commission 25 days after the date of issuance unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes a review of the decision within that time.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of August 1998.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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