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Commonwealth Edison Company
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the NRC's Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) 6 Board Report for the Dresden Nuclear Plant, our meeting of April 13, 1987, which discussed in detail the contents of the report, and your written comments dated May 13, 1987, relative to this report.

The staff has reviewed your corrective action programs in response to the two Category 3 ratings in the areas of Fire Protection/Housekeeping and Quality Programs and Administrative Controls Affecting Quality and the declining trend in the area of Plant Operations. We plan to monitor the results of your actions in these areas. The staff has already observed some improvement in performance as a result of comprehensive corrective action programs on your part. We view these changes as positive steps and hope they will result in long term performance improvements for the Dresden facility.

In your response to the SALP 6 Board Report, you were concerned about reference to events which occurred after the SALP 6 rating period. This is a common practice used by Region III SALP Boards to aid in determining the direction of licensee performance at the end of the SALP period. When preparing a SALP report, the preparer routinely reviews the previous SALP report, so the SALP 7 report should take into consideration the mention of these events in the SALP 6 report.

Your response also stated that you believe the results of the Safety System Outage Modification Inspection (SSOMI) should not have been addressed in both the Outage area and the Quality Programs and Administrative Controls Affecting Quality area, but, rather, in one area alone. We disagree with this because we believe that the results of the SSOMI identified weaknesses in both of these areas and therefore should have been addressed in both of these areas.

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We recognize the improvements you have made in the area of surveillances. The SALP Board had a split vote for the surveillance area, with half of the votes being Category 1 and half the votes being Category 2. However, I decided on the Category 2 rating because I did not believe your performance had reached the Category 1 level. An improving trend was not indicated because a trend is defined to be a notable change in performance near the close of the assessment period. The Board did not observe this type of trend, but, rather, steady performance over the entire SALP period.

Based on the formal exchange of information between our respective staffs, and in the absence of verbal identification of discrepancies within the report or formal written comments from you requiring resolution, only three typographical changes to the SALP Board Report are necessary as indicated on the enclosed errata sheet. Please remove the old pages and insert the corrected pages into your report.

Enclosed, as an Appendix to the SALP Board Report, is a summary of our meeting which includes names of those persons in attendance. Issuance of the Appendix serves as the final step in our SALP assessment process.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter with the referenced attachments will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

No reply to this letter is required; however, should you have questions on the conclusions reached by NRC, or on the Appendix to the SALP Report, please let us know and we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

**Original signed by
A. Bert Davis**

A. Bert Davis
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: Appendix to
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