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February 6, 1991

Mr. Kenneth Carr
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am aware that the NRC recently placed the Zion Nuclear Power Plant in Zion, Illinois, on the Commission's "close watch" list. It is my understanding that this designation implies that the facility will be required to undergo extra inspections and will be eligible to be removed from the list within one year provided it allays the Commission's concerns.

Although the listing was not predicated on operations which would be hazardous to human health, having reviewed the information supplied for me by the Commission and Commonwealth Edison I write to let you know that I strongly support this precautionary measure and I am hopeful that the plant will soon comply, if not exceed, all of the NRC's requirements for safe and efficient operation.

I regard nuclear plant safety as a matter of utmost importance and I commend you for your oversight of the Zion facility. As always, I would like to be kept fully informed of the situation there.

Sincerely,


John Porter
Member of Congress

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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

March 4, 1993

The Honorable John E. Porter
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Porter:

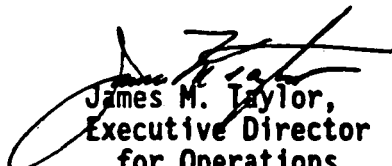
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Development and effective implementation of programs to improve performance at Zion Station have resulted in better overall performance and station material condition. It is our view and expectation that progress will continue and will be sustained. Improvements in the execution and control of both power and shutdown operations have been noted, and, in the latest Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance, progress was noted in all functional areas. We are also encouraged by Commonwealth Edison Company's commitment to furnish appropriate resources to the station and by its progress in improving station management, material condition, teamwork, planning and scheduling, shutdown risk, and radiological controls.

The NRC is keeping Commonwealth Edison Company's Dresden Nuclear Station on the list of plants authorized to operate but warranting increased NRC attention and will continue to closely monitor its progress.

We continue to take appropriate steps to keep local officials informed about performance at Zion and Dresden and will keep you advised of any significant changes at Zion Station.

Sincerely,


James M. Taylor,
Executive Director
for Operations

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sent to Porter.

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Overall management effectiveness has improved and this, in turn, has led to progress and an acceptable level of performance in all areas. The management team at Zion has a realistic perception of the improvements that are still necessary and is working to maintain the station's improving trend.

In light of the continued improvements exhibited at Zion, ^{and} its removal from the list of plants warranting close monitoring by the NRC, ~~and the strong management team in place~~, the NRC feels that the significant concerns that led to your request to be kept fully informed of the situation at the site have been alleviated. Therefore, this will be the last in our series of letters to you. However, the NRC staff will continue to monitor the progress of the improvements at the station.

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