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American Electric Power Service
Corporation
Indiana and Michigan Electric Company
ATTN: Mr. John E. Dolan
Vice Chairman
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Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your review, prior to our scheduled meeting of January 23, 1986, is the SALP Board Report for D. C. Cook, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, covering the period April 1, 1984 through September 30, 1985.

In accordance with NRC policy, I have reviewed the SALP Board assessment and concur with their ratings. It is my view that the Company's conduct of nuclear activities in connection with the D. C, Cook facility was acceptable, but that regulatory performance had declined and requires prompt management attention to preclude an adverse impact on plant safety. Performance in three functional areas (Surveillance, Security, and Quality Programs) received a Category 3 rating. Moreover, the Category 3 rating in the Quality Programs area marks the second consecutive such rating for this area. These ratings, and the fact that four functional areas reflected a declining performance trend during the assessment period, are of substantial concern to us.

In view of the above, it is imperative that timely and decisive management action be taken to stem this downward trend in regulatory performance at the D. C. Cook facility. To assist us in evaluating your actions, we request that you provide a written response to this SALP report within 30 days after our scheduled meeting noted above. Your response should address each functional area that was rated Category 3 and/or reflected a declining performance trend. Your response should describe the actions you will take to improve performance.

As noted in our December 23, 1985 letter to you transmitting the results of a special D. C. Cook operational history evaluation, we request that your response to that evaluation be submitted in conjunction with your response to the enclosed SALP report.

You will have an opportunity to present your comments on the SALP report at the meeting on January 23, 1986. We will also consider any written comments received within 30 days after the meeting, in addition to the written response specifically requested above.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the SALP Report, and your response to this letter will be placed n the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning the SALP Report, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely.

"Original Signed by James G. Keppler"

James G. Keppler Regional Administrator

Enclosure: SALP 5 Board Reports No.50-315/85001; No.50-316/85001

cc w/enclosure: W. G. Smith, Jr., Plant Manager DCS/RSB (RIDS) Licensing Fee Management Branch Resident Inspector, RIII Ronald Callen, Michigan

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