



UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE OF REGULATORY OPERATIONS
REGION I
970 BROAD STREET
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07102

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Metropolitan Edison Company
Attention: Mr. J. G. Miller
Vice President
P. O. Box 542
Reading, Pennsylvania 19603

Docket Nos. 50-289 & 50-320

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. Hayward and other members of my staff on May 31 - June 1, 1972 of construction activities authorized by AEC Construction Permit Nos. CPPR-40 and CPPR-66 and to discussions of our findings held by Mr. Hayward with Messrs. Avers, Beward and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. In addition, this refers to the meeting of members of my principal staff with you, your staff and contractors which was held at the General Public Utilities Corporate offices on August 8, 1972. At this meeting, the results of this inspection were also discussed. This letter also refers to the meeting held in the Region I office on August 9, 1972 with your staff and consultants in which the details of our inspection findings were discussed.

Areas examined during the inspection included your quality assurance program and its implementation as it applies to the placement of structural concrete and the control of repairs to the Unit 1 containment ring girder. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with plant personnel, and observations by our inspectors.

During this inspection, it was found that certain activities appeared to be in noncompliance with Appendix B, 10 CFR 50. The items and references to the pertinent requirements are listed in the enclosure to this letter. Please provide us within 20 days, in writing, with your comments concerning these items, any steps that have been or will be taken to correct them, any steps that have been or will be taken to prevent recurrence, and the date all corrective action or preventive measures were or will be completed. Your reply should emphasize, in particular, any appropriate changes that have been or will be made to improve the effectiveness of your Quality Assurance Program to prevent recurrence.

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The meetings referenced above included discussions relating to an apparent weakness in your construction organization in not fully recognizing and promptly correcting deficiencies and problems detected by the operation of your quality control program. We wish to note that our inspection findings to date do not reflect a lack of quality in the construction of your plant; however, the failure to fully identify deficiencies and problems and to promptly correct them is of growing concern to this office. In your reply to this letter it is requested that you provide us with your comments or your planned corrective measures on this matter.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection or the above referenced meetings, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely yours,

James P. O'Reilly
Director

Enclosure:
Description of Noncompliance Items

bcc: P. Morris, RC
R. Engelken, RO
H. Thornburg, RO
J. Henderson, RO
J. G. Keppler, RO
A. Giambusso, L
OGC
RO Files
DR Central Files
PDR
Local PDR
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DTIE

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