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Subject: LaSalle County Station Units 1 and 2
Response to Inspection Report Nos.
50-373/89015 and 50-374/89015
NRC Docket Nos. 50-373 and 50-374

Reference (a): L.R. Greer letter to Cordell Reed dated
August 21, 1989

Dear Mr. Davis:

This letter is in response to the inspection conducted by Messrs. J. Patterson and others, August 1-3, 1989, regarding the Emergency Preparedness exercise at LaSalle County Station. Reference (a) indicated that although no violations of NRC requirements were identified during the course of the inspection, one exercise weakness was identified which required corrective actions. The Commonwealth Edison Company response to the Exercise Weakness is provided in the Attachment.

If you have any further questions on this matter, please direct them to this office.

Very truly yours,

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ATTACHMENT A

EXERCISE WEAKNESS

The licensee failed to adequately demonstrate assembly and accountability, which was requested following the Site Area Emergency declaration at 0950. Thirty people were not accounted for within the 30-minute time goal. All were accounted for within 67 minutes from the time the evacuation alarm was sounded. The number of people unaccounted for within the 30-minute goal, and the total time of 67 minutes to account for all people, both failed to meet the requirements of Exercise Objective 5.g.

RESPONSE

The failure to assemble and account for all personnel within the 30-minute time goal can be attributed to the following:

- 1) The guard force was not provided with clear guidance on the use of mobile vehicles siren and loudspeakers during the assembly.
- 2) Too many people were exempted from the assembly for plant operations which made it difficult to determine who was required to assemble.
- 3) Communications from the OSC to the TSC were inadequate in that people were classified as unaccounted for in the TSC who were functioning as repair teams dispatched from the OSC and accounted for by the OSC.

The corrective actions consist of:

- 1) The post order for assembly was revised to provide specific guidance on the use of the siren and loudspeaker on the mobile vehicles during assemblies. All guard force personnel were trained on the revision.
- 2) The number of personnel which may be exempted from assembly will be limited to only those required for safe unit operation and appropriate minimum security personnel. Appropriate procedures will be revised by November 31, 1989.

- 3) OSC directors and supervisors will be retrained on the importance of informing the TSC of personnel assigned to repair teams working in the plant who will not assemble. This will be completed at the next annual training session for these personnel.

A remedial assembly drill will be held on January 31, 1990, at which time all personnel within the protected area will be required to assemble. Accountability and assembly of all personnel will be demonstrated. This assembly drill will be in addition to the required 1990 assembly drill.