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Gentlemen:

This refers to the investigation conducted by the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) on September 5, 1986, through May 13, 1988 of activities at the Clinton Power Station. The Investigation Report No. 3-86-008 was sent to you on February 14, 1989.

On June 14, 1989, an Enforcement Conference was conducted at the Region III Office at which time you presented your findings and conclusions with regard to the OI Report. At the conclusion of the Enforcement Conference, Illinois Power (IP) was asked to provide additional information concerning certain aspects of the IP presentation. You provided that information by letter dated June 27, 1989.

As a result of our evaluation of the NRC investigation findings, your presentation and the additional information you provided on June 27, 1989, the following conclusions have been reached:

1. Although there were some conflicts between interviewee statements to the OI and IP investigators: (1) there was testimony that the Engineer provided instruction to subordinates to employ uncalibrated Measurement and Test Equipment (M&TE) to obtain qualitative measurements; (2) the Engineer's instructions were consistent with site practice, but they violated the related site procedures because the use of uncalibrated M&TE to obtain qualitative measurements was not allowed; and (3) there was no actual violation of site procedures because subordinates did not execute the Engineer's instructions.
2. An apparent program weakness existed because site training and practice allowed the use of uncalibrated M&TE to obtain qualitative measurements which conflicted with certain site procedures (GTP 124, Revision 0, dated May 21, 1985 and GTP 131, Revision 0, dated August 30, 1985).
3. The Engineer is no longer employed by IP.

We recognize that at least one of the subordinates did not take the instructions seriously. Nevertheless, we consider any instructions contrary to procedures to be significant. Therefore, you are requested to review your existing site

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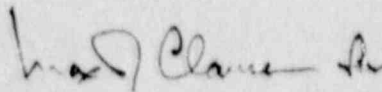
practices as well as maintenance and surveillance procedures to insure that the same conflict (use of uncalibrated M&TE) identified in the OI Report no longer exists. You are also requested to furnish a response to Region III within 60 days of the date of this letter. Since the Engineer no longer is employed by IP, no further IP action beyond the request identified in this paragraph is required to address OI Report No. 3-86-008 findings.

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

The response directed by this letter is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



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