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Commonwealth Edison Company  
ATTN: Mr Cordell Reed  
Senior Vice President  
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. W. J. Kropp, R. N. Sutphin, R. B. Holtzman and Ms. D. R. Calhoun of this office from August 20 through September 30, 1989, of activities at Byron Station Units 1 and 2, authorized by NRC Operating License No. NPF-37 and No. NPF-66, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. R. Pleniewicz and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice. A written response is required.

An open item was identified in Paragraph 7.b that pertained to the effectiveness of the process for assessing degraded/nonconforming equipment. To facilitate a timely resolution of this item, a written reply is requested by December 15, 1989.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

"Original signed by W.D. Shafer"

W. D. Shafer, Chief  
Reactor Projects Branch 1

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Reports  
No. 50-454/89017(DRP);  
No. 50-455/89019(DRP)

cc w/enclosures:

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