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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE--PNO-III-81- 55

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff as of this date.

Facility: Illinois Power Company
Clinton Station
Clinton, Illinois (Docket No. 50-461)

Subject: POTENTIAL NEWS MEDIA INTEREST IN ALLEGATIONS

Numerous allegations surrounding the qualifications of Quality Control (QC) inspectors at the Clinton construction site have been received by the Resident Inspector and Region III investigators. The allegations have been and are currently being pursued by the regional investigation function, supported by regional technical and management personnel. The PN is being issued to inform NRC management of the fact the individuals making allegations have indicated they may take their concerns to the media. This action is expected to generate public interest.

The State of Illinois will be notified of this situation. The Office of Investigator & Auditor (OIA) has been appraised of the situation and a followup explanatory memorandum is being prepared. Neither the licensee nor Region III is planning a press release.

Region III received notification of this situation during interviews with allegeders at the site on June 4, 1981.

This information is current as of 2:45 p.m. on June 5, 1981.

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