

August 4, 1982

Docket No. 50-461

Illinois Power Company
ATTN: Mr. W. C. Gerstner
Executive Vice President
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the investigation conducted by Region III during the period January 5 to March 3, 1982, at the Clinton Nuclear Power Station, Clinton, Illinois, of activities authorized by NRC Construction Permit No. CPPR-137. The report setting forth the results of the investigation is enclosed.

This investigation disclosed that QC inspectors were intimidated by management personnel. As a result, this matter has been referred to the Office of Inspector and Auditor for review and possible referral to the Department of Justice. In addition, the investigation revealed a breakdown of your quality assurance program as related to electrical construction.

As part of our review of this matter, an enforcement conference was held at the Region III Office, Glen Ellyn, Illinois on April 8, 1982. NRC Regional personnel discussed our particular concerns about the investigation findings and informed members of your staff that escalated enforcement action is being considered. Correspondence relating to this matter will be provided to you at a later date, as appropriate.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you notify this office by telephone, within ten days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within thirty days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1).

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

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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Report No. 50-461/82-02

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