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Docket No. 50-373

Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Cordell Reed
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. R. D. Walker and S. E. Shepley of this office on August 31 through October 2, 1981, of activities at the LaSalle County Nuclear Station, Unit 1, authorized by NRC Construction Permit No. CPPR-99 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. R. H. Holyoak at the conclusion of the inspection. The significance of the inspection findings was also discussed during a subsequent telephone discussion between Mr. Cordell Reed and Mr. R. L. Spessard on November 2, 1981.

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 non-compliance with NRC requirements, as specified in enclosed Appendix A. A written response, submitted under oath or affirmation, is required. This is a repetitive item of noncompliance (third occurrence during the last 17 months), and it is of significant concern to us since it indicates that insufficient management oversight has been devoted to this area. Consequently, in your response please address those actions you have taken to focus management attention on this area. Should those actions prove ineffective in achieving the required corrective results, escalated enforcement action will be considered.

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's Public Document Room. If the enclosures contain any information

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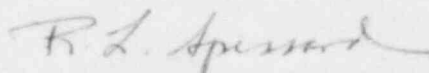
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that you or your contractors believe to be exempt from disclosure under 10 CFR 9.5(a)(4), it is necessary that you (a) notify this office by telephone within seven (7) days from the date of this letter of your intention to file a request for withholding; and (b) submit within twenty-five (25) days from the date of this letter a written application to this office to withhold such information. Section 2.790(b)(1) requires that any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a full statement of the reasons which are the bases for the claim that the information should be withheld from public disclosure. This section further requires the statement to address with specificity the considerations listed in 10 CFR 2.790(b)(4). The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified periods noted above, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,



R. L. Spessard, Director
Division of Resident and
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice
of Violation
2. IE Inspection Report
No. 50-373/81-36

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