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Dr. Thomas E. Murley, Director
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC   20555

> Subject: LaSalle County Station Units 1 and 2
> Alternate Operability Assessment
> Criteria for Piping Systems
> Tac Nos. 63064 and 63065
> Docket Nos. 50-373 and 50-374

Reference: (a) P.C. Shemanski letter to H.E. Bliss dated
December 12, 1988.
(b) CECo/NRC meeting April 12, 1989
Discussion on operability criteria.

Dear Dr. Murley:

Reference (a) requested additional information concerning
Commonwealth Edison's LaSalle County Station Topical Report on Alternate
Operability Assessment Criteria for Piping Systems. This additional
information was needed before the NRC's evaluation of this report could be
finalized.

Reference (a) further suggested that a meeting be held to discuss
these questions. This meeting took place in NRR offices on April 12, 1989
(Reference (b)).

Based on the discussions held at this meeting, Commonwealth Edison
would like to formally withdraw the request for approval of the Piping
Operability Criteria for LaSalle Station.

CECo would like to briefly reiterate that for LaSalle, the current
approach regarding the use of the operability criteria will continue to be
followed. CECo will perform system walkdowns consistent with current station
procedures prior to initiating engineering resolution (especially if a water
hammer event was suspected) and CECo will continue to notify the NRC Region
III if the engineering resolution requires the use of the operability
criteria. It should be noted that the operability criteria is used
infrequently.

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      If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact this office.

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Very truly yours,

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