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Mr. James G. Keppler, Director Directorate of Inspection and Enforcement - Region III U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 799 Roosevelt Road Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

> Subject: LaSalle County Station Unit 1 Response to Inspection Report No. 50-373/81-36 (CLARIFICATION) NRC Docket No. 373

Reference (a): C. Reed letter to J. G. Keppler dated November 3, 1981

Dear Mr. Keppler:

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The purpose of this letter is to clarify information provided in Reference (a) relative to the conduct of construction tests at LaSalle County Station. In order to prevent a possible misinterpretation of the information provided in that letter, we are resubmitting the section of Reference (a) which addressed "Corrective Action Taken to Avoid Further Non-Compliance" related to the noncompliance reported in IE Report 50-373/81-36.

The clarification provided in the attachment to this letter has been reviewed with and found acceptable by the LaSalle County Resident Inspector (R. Walker).

If there should be any further questions in this regard, please direct them to this office.

Very truly yours,

L. O. DelGeorge Director of Nuclear Licensing

cc: NRC Resident Inspector - LSCS

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(Clarification of Response to IE Rpt. 50-373/81-36)

CORRECTIVE ACTION TO AVOID FURTHER NONCOMPLIANCE

It is felt that the timing between the September 25 test and the October 30, 1981 response to the item of noncompliance which resulted in the performance of the proof test with a procedure that was approved by the Startup Coordinator was an insolated case. However, management has placed increased emphasis on insuring commitments are promptly relayed to the responsible test personnel.

All construction tests, as defined in the CECo. QA Manual Quality Requirement 11.2, will be conducted using approved procedures in accordance with Quality Procedure (Q.P) 11.1.

Any construction activities on Units 1 and 2 systems which can be construed to be "construction tests", as defined in the paragraph below, will be conducted in accordance with an approved procedure. The approved procedure will be implemented only after review and concurrence by a senior member of the Station Operating Staff, and a shift briefing by the individual in charge of conducting the test.

The construction tests requiring Station Operating Staff review are major evolutions such as Secondary Containment leak testing; and other evolutions wherein equipment is required to be operated outside the limitations of normal operating procedures and/or interlocks or other protective devices are to be defeated.

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