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Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. M. J. Wallace
Vice President and
Chief Nuclear Officer
Executive Towers West III
1400 Opus Place Suite 300
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Dear Mr. Wallace:

This refers to the special inspection conducted by D. Hills, P. Brochman, J. Smith, M. Leach, H. Peterson, S. DuPont, and J. Kennedy from August 23 through September 30, 1993. The inspection included a review of authorized activities for your LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2, facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Notice. You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

The inspection indicated daily work planning was good, although operations communication with mechanical maintenance warranted improvement. Two of the areas however, were of particular concern during this inspection. Licensee staff approach to performance of 10 CFR 50.59 screenings and safety evaluations was not thorough and did not reflect a good perspective of the process. This problem was highlighted by the above noted violations. Despite several previous enforcement actions involving the safety evaluation process at Commonwealth Edison (CECo) facilities, it appears that CECo management still has not ensured implementation of a conservative safety evaluation philosophy. The other concern involved weaknesses in several phases of the root cause analysis and corrective action process. This included insufficient

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worker knowledge of the integrated reporting system, insufficient thoroughness and limited scope of root cause analysis, and lack of plant management overview of analysis results and corrective actions. Please carefully review these issues and provide us your perspective on the broader concerns.

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 Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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

Sincerely,
Original signed by E. G. Greenman

Edward G. Greenman, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Reports
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