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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Zion Station Units 1 and 2
Proposed Change to Facility
Operating License Nos. DPR-39
and DPR-48
NRC Docket Nos. 50-295 and 50-304

Reference (a): June 17, 1982, letter from
F. G. Lentine to H. R. Denton.

Dear Mr. Denton:

By letter of reference (a), Commonwealth Edison requested a change to the Zion Technical Specifications to delete the 45 day hold-up requirement for radioactive gaseous wastes. Following discussions with members of your staff, Commonwealth Edison has agreed to modify the wording to that request. The Attachment to this letter contains our proposed revision to the Technical Specifications. This revision should replace the pages previously provided with our submittal of reference (a).

The revised wording maintains the 45-day hold-up requirement as a Technical Specification. However, in order to provide operational flexibility, conditions are specified under which the contents of a gas decay tank may be released with less than 45 days hold-up. The justification for this change is that which has previously been provided; specifically, that the occasional release of gas without a decay time of 45 days will not result in a significant increase in biological effect. Adherence to the requirements of the provisions of Technical Specification 3.12 will ensure that radioactive gaseous releases remain "as low as practicable."

This change has received approval by Commonwealth Edison's On-Site and Off-Site Review Groups. The fee for this amendment was provided in reference (a).

Please address any questions regarding this matter to this office.

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Three (3) signed originals and thirty-nine (39) copies of this transmittal are provided for your use.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Lentine

F. G. Lentine
Nuclear Licensing Administrator

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Attachment

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to
before me this 7th day
of September, 1982

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Notary Public

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