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Docket No. 50-461
EA 90-108

Illinois Power Company
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-461/90016(DRP))

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. P. G. Brochman, S. P. Ray, and F. L. Brush of this office from July 4 through August 21, 1990, of activities at Clinton Power Station, authorized by NRC Operating License No. NPF-62, and to the discussion of our findings with you and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

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 violation of NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed Notice. Regarding Item 1, a written response is required. In your response you are requested to address those steps you will implement to correct this problem in light of the upcoming refueling outage.

Item 2 involves the discovery on May 8, 1990, that the installed bellows on the shutdown service water piping to the Division I and II emergency diesel generators were inconsistent with the design configuration in that the tie rods were missing. This apparent violation was previously documented in Inspection Report No. 50-461/90012 and discussed at an Enforcement Conference

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on June 5, 1990, which was documented in Inspection Report No. 50-461/90014. After further review of the information you provided we have determined that this issue does not warrant escalated enforcement. The inspection showed that action had been taken to correct the identified violation and to prevent recurrence. Our understanding of your corrective actions are described in paragraph 7.a of the enclosed inspection report. Consequently, no reply to the violation is required, and we have no further questions regarding this matter at this time.

Additionally, because the NRC wants to encourage and support licensee initiative in the self-identification and correction of problems, the NRC will not generally issue a Notice of Violation for an issue that meets the criteria of 10 CFR 2, Appendix C, Section V.G.I. Violations which met this criteria are discussed paragraphs 3.a(2) and 7.b of the enclosed inspection report.

An open item was identified in this inspection report relating to your recent performance of an accountability drill for persons inside the protected area. The NRC is concerned with the number of people who remained unaccounted for and your approach to conducting this drill. The NRC's concerns are discussed in paragraph 6 of the inspection report. We understand that you are planning on performing another full scale accountability drill, with all personnel inside the protected area (except for those involved in critical in-process work) participating, and that it will be performed in September.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Edward G. Greenman, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

- 1. Notice of Violation
- 2. Inspection Report
No. 50-461/90016(DRP)

cc w/enclosures:

- J. Cook, Manager - Clinton Power Station
- F. Spangenberg, III, Manager - Licensing and Safety DCD/DCB (RIDS) Licensing Fee Management Branch Resident Inspector, RIII
- J. Hickman, NRR PM
- J. McCaffrey, Chief, Public Utilities Division
- D. Rosenblatt, Governor's Office of Consumer Services
- S. Zabel, Esquire, Shiff, Hardin, & Waite
Chairman, Dewitt County Board
- Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety
- Perry, SRI

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