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Docket No. 50-456

Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Cordell Read
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Mr. S. G. Du Pont of this office from November 19-23, 1990, of activities at the Braidwood Station, Unit 1, authorized by NRC Operating License No. NPF-72, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. K. L. Kofron and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. The inspection concerned an event (originally discussed in Inspection Report 50-456/90020(DRP) in which loss of reactor coolant and contamination of personnel occurred on October 4, 1990. In addition, the inspection concerns corrective actions associated with a previous March 18, 1990 loss of reactor coolant.

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. This report is being released for your information without an enclosed Notice. A written response is not required at this time. You will be notified in a separate communication of our decision pertaining to any possible enforcement.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

Hubert J. Miller, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosure: Inspection Report
No. 50-456/90020(DRP)

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