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Docket No. 50-454
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Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: K. Graesser, Site Vice President
Byron Station
4450 N. German Church Road
Byron, IL 61010

Dear Mr. Graesser:

SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF THE 1994 BYRON STATION ANNUAL EXERCISE

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. R. Jickling of this office on April 6-11, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your corporate emergency preparedness (EP) department during the 1994 Byron Station utility only, annual EP exercise. 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, interviews with personnel, and observations of activities in progress.

No violations of NRC requirements were identified during the course of this inspection.

Section 4 identifies an issue concerning the failure to transfer command and control to the Corporate Emergency Operations Facility while the nearsite EOF was being staffed. This issue, combined with the problem identified during the 1994 Braidwood exercise concerning failure of the CEOF to assume timely command and control for the exercise event, reported in Inspection Reports No. 50-456/94003; 50-457/94003, has resulted in the NRC having a significant concern with your ability to implement your proposal to use the CEOF as an interim EOF. The proposal was submitted to the NRC on March 31, 1993. During a telephone call between Mr. James McCormick-Barger of this office and Ms. Leslie Holden of your staff, we requested that a meeting with your corporate EP staff be arranged to discuss actions you plan to take to address this concern, including any procedural and training improvements, and your plans to demonstrate that your corrective actions have been effective. This meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. (CDT) on April 25, 1994.

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

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

Sincerely,

J. W. McCormick-Barger for
W. L. Axelson, Director
Division of Radiation Safety and
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Enclosure: Inspection Reports
No. 50-454/94008(DRSS)
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