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Docket No. 50-295
Docket No. 50-304


Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Cordell Reed
Senior Vice President
Opus West III, Suite 300
1400 Opus Place
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection documented by Report No. 50-295/90031 (DRP); 50-304/90031 (DRP) and forwarded by our letter dated January 4, 1991. There is a typing error in the cover letter to the report. Please replace the cover page with the enclosed page. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact R. Landsman of my staff at (708) 790-5587.

Sincerely,


William L. Forney, Deputy Director
Division of Reactor Projects

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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by M. J. Farber, W. G. Rogers, and P. B. Moore of this office from October 22 through December 10, 1990 of activities at the Zion Nuclear Generating Station, authorized by License Numbers DPR-39 and DPR-48, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. T. Joyce 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.

We noted a strength in your program to improve maintenance procedures. However, we also noted a number of weaknesses such as problems with operator response to annunciators, control room logs, maintenance involvement in work order prioritization and followup on lost maintenance work requests. Certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice. A written response is required.

With respect to violation 50-295,304/90031-02, your response should address the identification of a root cause and future review by internal audit organizations of the identified issue.

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.

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