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Docket No. 50-454 Docket No. 50-455

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

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. W. J. Kropp and R. N. Sutphin of this office from October 3 through November 14, 1990, of activities at the Byron Station, Units 1 and 2, authorized by NRC Operating Licenses No. NPF-37 and No. NPF-66, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. R. Pleniewicz 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 specified in the enclosed Notice. A written response is required.

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.

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

Sincerely,

W. D. Shafer, Chief

Reactor Projects Branch 1

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation

Inspection Report
 No. 50-454/90023(DRP);
 No. 50-455/90023(DRP)

See Attached Distribution

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