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Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Cordell Reed
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Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your review, prior to our scheduled meeting of December 20, 1990, is the Initial SALP 9 Report for the LaSalle County Station, covering the period of July 1, 1989 through September 30, 1990.

In accordance with NRC policy, I have reviewed the SALP Board Assessment and concur with their ratings. It is my view that your conduct of nuclear activities in connection with the LaSalle facility was acceptable.

I noted an overall steady or improving trend in all functional areas with the exception of the area of Emergency Preparedness. The area of Security continued to improve, however, it remained a Category 2 since examples of performance weakness were found. Most notable in many of the functional areas was the reduction in personnel errors and the improved performance in enforcement history. I want to encourage you to continue those positive trends.

On the less positive side, we noted in several areas where a significant number of events occurred which related to procedural problems/equipment problems. I suggest that additional management attention is appropriate.

Finally, I noted a decline in performance in the area of Emergency Preparedness due largely to exercise weaknesses and a training oversight. In general, the Commonwealth Edison plants have exhibited exceptional performance in this area due primarily to the effective working relationship between the site and corporate organizations. I recommend that you review this program to determine the root cause of this decline.

At the SALP meeting you should be prepared to discuss our assessments and your plans to improve performance. The meeting is intended to be a candid dialogue wherein any comments you may have regarding our report are discussed.

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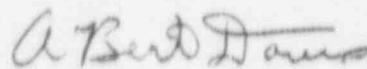
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Additionally, you may provide written comments within 30 days after the meeting. Your comments, a summary of our meeting, and my disposition of your comments will be issued as the Final SALP Report.

In accordance with Section 2.750 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the Initial SALP Report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning the Initial SALP Report, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



A. Bert Davis
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: Initial SALP 9
Report No. 373/90001; 374/90001

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