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Docket No. 50-456  
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Commonwealth Edison Company  
ATTN: Mr. Cordell Reed  
Vice President  
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. R. N. Sutphin of this office on February 10, 11, 17-18, 22-24, March 2-3, 10, 16-18, 31, 1982, of activities at Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2, authorized by NRC Construction Permits No. CPPR-132 and No. CPPR-133 and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. J. T. Merwin 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.

We are concerned about what appears to be a tendency on your part to revise your procedures to incorporate less restrictive requirements after our inspector identified areas of concern. Section D of the report details discusses several examples where procedures were revised to make them less restrictive after our inspector identified problems. We recognize your right to properly revise procedures, but revisions should be initiated based on the need for improvement in the procedure, not as a matter of convenience or as a means to avoid noncompliance. We will watch this area closely in future inspections.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in non-compliance with NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Appendix. A written response is required.

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's Public Document Room. If the enclosures contain any information that you or your contractors believe to be exempt from disclosure under 10 CFR 9.5(a)(4), it is necessary that you (a) notify this office by telephone within seven (7) days from the date of this letter of your intention to file a request for withholding; and (b) submit within

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twenty-five (25) days from the date of this letter a written application to this office to withhold such information. Section 2.790(b)(1) requires that any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a full statement of the reasons which are the bases for the claim that the information should be withheld from public disclosure. This section further requires the statement to address with specificity the considerations listed in 10 CFR 2.790(b)(4). The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified periods noted above, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

*15/ Joe W. Little*

*for* C. E. Norelius, Director  
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Enclosures:

- 1. Appendix, Notice of Violation
- 2. Inspection Reports  
No. 50-456/82-01 and  
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