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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555-0001

June 17, 1994

The Honorable Carol Moseley-Braun  
United States Senator  
230 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Senator Moseley-Braun:

I am responding to your letters dated May 13, and May 27, 1994, in which you forwarded concerns raised by several of your constituents regarding the Commonwealth Edison Company (CECo, the licensee) proposal to modify security plans for CECo nuclear facilities.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulations allow licensees to make changes to their security plans, which include physical security plans, contingency response plans, and guard training and qualification plans, in two ways. First, licensees can make changes that do not decrease the effectiveness of the current plan without getting prior NRC approval. These changes must, however, be reported to the NRC within two months so that the NRC staff may evaluate the changes and verify that they do, indeed, not reduce effectiveness.

Second, licensees can make changes that do decrease the effectiveness of the current plan, but they must get NRC approval before they can implement the changed plan.

The NRC staff has held public meetings with CECo regarding these issues on August 17, 1993, and March 30, 1994. On March 30, 1994, CECo proposed changes to its security plan, stating that the changes did not decrease the effectiveness of existing plans. The licensee had not, however, implemented many of the more significant changes. Following the NRC staff review, the NRC advised CECo, by letter dated April 26, 1994, that some of the proposed changes (1) appeared to decrease the effectiveness of the security plan or (2) did not contain sufficient information for the NRC staff to make the determination that the change did not decrease effectiveness. The April 26, 1994, letter also advised the licensee that several of the changes could be resubmitted as an application for a license amendment. To date, no such amendment pertaining to CECo security plan revisions has been received.

With respect to security plan changes that have been implemented, the NRC staff has been monitoring licensee and guard force performance throughout the CECo system. We have discussed the impact of changes with licensee management and guards. There has been no noted decline in performance affecting the protection of the public related directly to these issues. Our staff will continue to make onsite evaluations of guard force and management performance relating to NRC-regulated activities.

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