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January 6, 1995

Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Kenneth L. Graesser
Site Vice President
Byron Station
4450 N. German Church Road
Byron, IL 61010

Dear Mr. Graesser:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. H. Peterson, C. H. Brown and N. D. Hilton of this office from October 21, 1994, through December 15, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities at your Byron Station, Units 1 and 2. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). This violation pertains to the failure to follow procedures to control overtime deviation authorization (paragraph 2.6). The inspectors identified that during the Unit 1 outage just completed, excessive overtime usage occurred beyond NRC guidelines repeatedly, and management control of overtime was ineffective. In your response to this violation, please identify your corrective actions for these programmatic concerns as well as for the specific examples cited in the violation.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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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,

Edward G. Greenman, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Docket Nos. 50-454; 50-455

Enclosures:

- 1. Notice of Violation
- 2. Inspection Report Nos.
50-454/94025(DRP);
50-455/94025(DRP)

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