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

Dear Senator Moseley-Braun:

This is a followup to my letter to you dated June 17, 1994, which was in response to your letters dated May 13 and May 27, 1994. In these letters you forwarded concerns raised by your constituents regarding the Commonwealth Edison Company's (ComEd) proposal to modify security plans for its nuclear facilities. In the past, ComEd routinely required all members of the security force to be armed. However, in late 1993, ComEd decided to reduce the number of armed guards, but to retain a sufficient number of armed members to meet its regulatory commitments.

The correspondence enclosed with your May 27, 1994 letter expressed the concern that the reduction in the number of armed guards at the LaSalle, Dresden, and Zion facilities would have an adverse impact on plant physical protection and safety. An NRC physical security inspection conducted on July 18-22, 1994, at the LaSalle facility included a review of this concern. The results of the inspection indicated that the number of armed responders on shift met the NRC approved security plan. In October and November 1994, the NRC staff visited LaSalle to review other security force armed response related concerns and, while there, determined that ComEd has continued to meet its armed response commitments to the NRC. We did find that there were labor/management related issues which have had a negative effect on morale. Nevertheless, during the inspection, NRC staff did not observe a decline in security force performance associated with the security plan modifications.

The security inspections discussed above were initially conducted only at LaSalle because it was the only facility of the three mentioned that had implemented the new security plan. Dresden implemented the new security plan on December 9, 1994, and Zion is currently in the process of implementing the new plan. The NRC performs periodic security inspections at LaSalle, Dresden, and Zion, just as it does at all nuclear power plant sites, and will monitor the performance of the security forces at these ComEd sites to ensure that the security plan changes do not result in diminished performance.

An issue raised in your letter dated May 13, 1994, was a concern that certain retaliatory measures were taken against various guard force personnel for raising guard force staff reductions as a safety issue. Upon review of the issues raised, it appears that the fundamental issue in these allegations is a labor union/management dispute. We have contacted the National Labor

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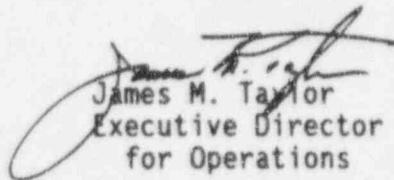
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Relations Board (NLRB) and have been advised that they are investigating several of the complaints made by your constituents against both ComEd and Burns Security. Should you or your constituents have any questions regarding the status of these complaints, I recommend that you contact the NLRB directly. Mr. Glenn A. Zipp, from the Peoria, Illinois, office is the point of contact and can be contacted at (309) 671-7080. In the meantime, the NRC will continue to monitor guard performance during future security inspections, to assure that the security program is meeting its intended function, and will review the disposition of this matter by the NLRB to determine whether any further action by the NRC is warranted.

Sincerely,



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