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License No. DPR-35
Docket No. 50-293

Subject: Inspection 82-27

Reference: NRC Letter to Boston Edison, dated January 18, 1983

Dear Sir:

The letter transmitting the subject Inspection Report requested a reply to some concerns expressed by the Inspector. This letter is in response to the concerns and describes actions taken to effect improvements in these areas.

The tardiness of the reply does not, in any manner, reflect the importance that the Boston Edison Company attaches to the concerns. Prompt action was taken to investigate and correct the deficiencies.

The failure to transmit a reply in a timely fashion was caused by the previously unidentified lack of a mechanism within the commitment control system to capture the need for a reply to incoming correspondence with no discrete response date. Actions have been taken which should preclude recurrences of this type.

Concerns:the performance of your personnel which resulted in this incident.....establish thresholds for notification of plant management of changing radiological conditions.....improve communication between site personnel.....the failure of plant management to promptly review and initiate timely action to prevent recurrence of such incidents.

Response: To preclude recurrence of specific incidents of this type, control of portable ventilation units (in contamination and consequent dose control situations) was deemed necessary. The controls are now in place and are procedurally addressed.

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To provide for earlier notification of Health Physics management personnel, the MPOB notification point has been procedurally lowered to 5% (was 10%) and Health Physics personnel have been notified of this change.

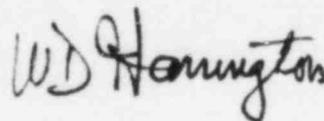
Additionally, Health Physics personnel have been counseled on the importance of procedural adherence and on the potentiality for serious consequences of procedural deviation and of the necessity to notify plant management personnel when incidents of this nature occur.

Subsequent to the incident and the inspection, a team of management personnel was chartered by a senior nuclear organization official to perform an exhaustive investigation. The investigation has been completed, and the resultant recommendations have been evaluated by senior management. Those which were determined to be appropriate have been or are being acted upon to further minimize recurrence of incidents of this nature.

Other issues included in the body of the Inspection Report, which are not addressed above have also been or are being acted upon as an integral part of the overall effort to improve performance.

It is felt that this response and the stated actions adequately address the issues expressed in the concerns and you are requested to direct any comments or questions to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



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