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Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Cordell Reed
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Dear Mr. Reed:

Thank you for your letter dated February 10, 1992, in response to our December 19, 1991 letter identifying concerns pertaining to timely and adequate response to alarms by security officers at Byron Station (AMS No. R111-91-A-0086).

In our letter, we requested that you determine if the concerns were credible or not, whether there are factors which would hinder the timely and adequate response to alarms, and submit the results of your investigation to the NRC.

Your response indicated that the concerns were not substantiated. A review of pertinent records and interviews showed: (1) except for one incident which was previously reported to the NRC, all alarms were reported and responded to in a timely and adequate manner, (2) no indication of a systematic problem with the radios, (3) sufficient guidance and procedures for timely response to alarms, (4) alarm station operators do not engage in non-work related activities which effect the performance of their duties, and (5) alarm station operators report alarms to officers in a timely manner. We found your investigation to be sufficient to support your conclusions and have no additional questions regarding this matter. We request that you retain the supporting documentation for your investigation of these concerns for a minimum of one year from the date of this letter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and your response without the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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