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Mr. K. Graesser Site Vice President Byron Station Commonwealth Edison Company 4450 N. German Church Road Byron, IL 61010

SUBJECT:

NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-454/95009(DRP);

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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; D. Schrum, Fire Protection Inspector, Region 3; A. McMurtray, Resident Inspector, Point Beach; E. Duncan, Resident Inspector, Braidwood; and C. Thompson of the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety from September 19, 1995, through November 6, 1995. 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). The first violation pertains to the long-term lack of integrated leak rate tests of systems which contain reactor coolant outside containment. These leak rate tests are a post Three Mile Island action item and are important for dose minimization following an accident. The second violation pertains to your fire protection program where personnel were observed not following procedures concerning fire barrier impairments.

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,

Martin J. Farber, Chief Reactor Projects Branch 4

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Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation

2. Inspection Report

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