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Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Cordell Reed
Senior Vice President
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Dear Mr. Reed:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. T. Ploski and others of this office on April 27 through May 1, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Quad Cities Nuclear Generating 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 inspection report.

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

No violations of NRC requirements were identified during the course of this inspection. However, exercise weaknesses were identified and will require corrective action. These weaknesses are summarized in the Appendix to the enclosed inspection report. These performance inadequacies, particularly with respect to participants in the Control Room Simulator, warrant a remedial demonstration of the capabilities to accurately assess emergency conditions and to complete initial notifications to State officials in a timely and adequately detailed manner. You are requested to provide a response on planned corrective actions for each identified exercise weakness within 30 days of the receipt of this inspection report, including plans for a remedial demonstration of the corrective actions.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The response directed by this letter is 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.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

John A. Inbe
for Charles E. Norelius, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosures:

- 1. Appendix A, Exercise Weaknesses
- 2. Inspection Reports
 - No. 50-254/92004 (DRSS);
 - No. 50-265/92004 (DRSS)

cc w/enclosures:

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Ploski/jp
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McCormick-Barger
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Yes
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APPENDIX
EXERCISE WEAKNESSES

1. Control room simulator staff did not initially notify State officials of the Unusual Event and the Alert declarations in a timely manner. (Section 5.a) (50-254/92004-01 and 50-265/92004-01)
2. The shift engineer failed to assess degraded plant conditions warranting an Alert declaration in a timely manner and later failed to obtain information from the accident scene in order to determine the potential for emergency reclassification. (Section 5.a) (50-254/92004-02 and 50-265/92004-02)
3. Technical Support Center staff did not initially notify State officials of the Site Area Emergency declaration in a timely manner. (Section 5.b) (50-254/92004-03 and 50-265/92004-03)