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Docket No. 50-454

Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Cordell Reed
Vice President
Post Office Box 767
Chicago, IL 60690

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. H. A. Walker of this office on June 11-15, July 5-6, July 9-12, and August 16-17, 1984, of activities at the Byron Nuclear Power Station authorized by NRC Construction Permit No. CPPR-130 and on July 16-17, 1984, of activities at your corporate offices in Chicago. Our findings were discussed with Mr. R. E. Querio, Mr. J. S. Bitel, and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

This inspection constitutes part of our effort to assess the status and adequacy of your operations quality assurance program and its implementation to support readiness for issuance of an operating license to Byron Unit 1. Other inspections in this area have been conducted or planned in order for us to make this overall assessment. We recognize that all aspects of this program are not required by the NRC to be implemented at this time.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in non-compliance with NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Appendix. A written response is required. These items relate to the adequacy of the audit program being implemented by the Byron Station quality assurance organization. Additionally, other audit program weaknesses are delineated in Paragraph 2.b. of the enclosed inspection report. These weaknesses, as well as the item of noncompliance, need to be resolved in order for us to make a positive assessment regarding the implementation of your operations quality assurance program. Therefore, we request that you address each of these weaknesses in your response to this letter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you notify this office, by telephone, within ten days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within thirty days of

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the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1). If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified periods noted above, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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,

Original signed by R.L. Spessard

R. L. Spessard, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosures:

- 1. Appendix, Notice of Violation
- 2. Inspection Report No. 50-454/84-40(DRS)

cc w/encls:

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- V. I. Schlosser, Project Manager
- Gunner Sorensen, Site Project Superintendent
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