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Facility: Commonwealth Edison Company
LaSalle County Nuclear Plant
Marseilles, IL 61341
(Docket No. 50-374)

Licensee Emergency Classification:
 Notification of an Unusual Event
 Alert
 Site Area Emergency
 General Emergency
 Not Applicable

Subject: LASALLE ALERT DUE TO INOPERABLE BATTERIES

The licensee was in a Limiting Condition for Operation on Unit 2 which required a power reduction. This was due to an inoperable main turbine bypass valve discovered during a surveillance. At 5:10 p.m. (CST) the licensee declared the Division I and II 250 V DC batteries inoperable. This placed the Unit in an Alert. This inoperability was caused by inadequate seismic supports and not physical damage. The licensee was informed of this discrepancy via a Part 21 Report from Gould, Inc. The battery supports had been installed with a larger than analyzed gap between the battery and supports.

At 8:15 p.m. (CST) the Alert was terminated. The gap was reduced to within the analyzed range by placing plywood sheets in the gaps as recommended by the vendor. The licensee continued to reduce power to repair the bypass valve problems and is currently in hot startup.

NRC Senior Regional and Headquarters management were cognizant of the situation. A decision was made not to activate the Incident Response Centers. The Resident Inspector was onsite. The inspector will follow the actions of the licensee closely.

The State of Illinois was informed. Headquarters notified IE, EO, FEMA, NRR, DOE and HHS. The Commissioners assistants were also briefed.

This information is current as of 10:00 a.m., November 21, 1984.

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H. St. <u>11:10</u>	MNBB <u>11:12</u>	Phillips <u>10:57</u>	E/W <u>11:07</u>	Willste <u>11:15</u>
Chairman Palladino	EDO	NRR	IE	NMSS
Comm. Roberts	PA		OIA	RES
Comm. Asselstine	MPA		AEOD	
Comm. Bernthal	ELD	Air Rights <u>11:32</u>		MAIL:
Comm. Zech		SP	INPO <u>11:19</u>	ADM:DMB
SECY			NSAC <u>11:24</u>	DOT: Trans Only
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Applicable Resident Site 11:00

Regions I 11:13, II 11:17, IV 11:28, V 11:22 Licensee (Corporate Office) 11:01

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