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Docket No. 50-373
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Commonwealth Edison Company
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Messrs. D. Evans, S. Guthrie, and M. Jordan of this office on August 12 through September 11, 1984, of activities at LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2, authorized by NRC Operating Licenses NPF-11 and NPF-18, respectively, and to the enforcement conference conducted on September 11, 1984.

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.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in non-compliance with NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Appendix. During the September 11, 1984, enforcement conference, we expressed concern that the inspection findings show a need for significant improvement in control room operations and in the area of adherence to procedures.

Previously, in the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP 3), we identified a weakness in operating personnel's ability to identify off-normal conditions in the control room. This concern was also discussed in an Enforcement Conference on September 30, 1983, and this problem continued through the SALP 4 assessment period. A weakness in your ability to control the status of sensitive equipment was addressed in Enforcement Conferences of June 30, 1983, and June 22, 1984, and was also addressed in the SALP 4 appraisal. Identified weaknesses in the procedural adherence were brought to your attention in inspection reports dated July 28, 1983, September 22, 1983, and July 10, 1984.

While the noncompliances identified in this report individually are not of significant safety concern, the above history shows that the corrective actions you have taken to prevent recurrence of these identified problems appear to have been ineffective. As a result, you are requested to provide in your response to this report a detailed description of the operational actions you are taking to improve control room operations and adherence to procedures.

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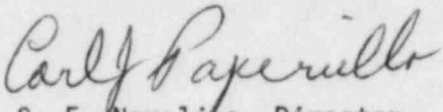
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The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice (Order) are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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

Sincerely,

for 
C. E. Norelius, Director
Division of Reactor Projects


Enclosures:

1. Appendix, Notice
of Violation
2. Inspection Report
No. 50-373/84-23(DRP);
No. 50-374/84-30(DRP)


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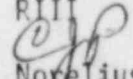
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