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Illinois Power Company  
ATTN: Mr. W. C. Gerstner  
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Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to request your cooperation in improving the initial access time for NRC inspectors at your site. This matter has been discussed with management representatives at your plant, who agreed in principle with our approach, discussed below, to improve initial access time for our inspectors. As you know, NRC regulation 10 CFR 50.70(b)(3) requires that NRC resident and region-based inspectors, who are appropriately identified by the Regional Administrator, be afforded immediate unfettered access to your facility for purposes of inspection.

In order to reduce the time required to receive general employee training at the reactor site, NRC Region III will conduct its own training in the generic aspects of radiation safety, physical security, and emergency response. Those NRC personnel who have successfully completed this NRC regional administrated comprehensive training program and who may possibly visit your facility will be identified in a separate letter. The NRC considers this training sufficient to relieve the licensee of the generic portion of the training required by 10 CFR 19.12. Testing of NRC personnel is not required for licensees to demonstrate compliance with 10 CFR 19.12 or 10 CFR 50.70(b)(3).

We request that you limit further training for those NRC employees identified as having completed the regional training program to a short orientation on the site-specific aspects of radiation safety, emergency response, security, and personal safety, as appropriate. This orientation, combined with other entry requirements (such as security badging and whole body counting), should not delay the inspector more than one hour.

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I would appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have questions or problems in tailoring your site specific training or security requirements to meet the access needs of the NRC, please have your staff contact Mr. Charles Norelius, the Region III Director, Division of Reactor Projects.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
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Regional Administrator

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