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Commonwealth Edison Company

ATTN: Mr. Cordell Read

Vice President

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Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your review, prior to our scheduled meeting of January 10, 1986, is the SALP Board Report for the Zion Nuclear Generating Station, covering the period May 1, 1984 through September 30, 1985.

In accordance with NRC Policy, I have reviewed the SALP Board Assessment and concur with their ratings. It is my view that Commonwealth Edison Company's conduct of nuclear activities in connection with Zion shows an appropriate concern for nuclear safety. Specific areas I would like to highlight for your attention are:

1. While most of the ratings are unchanged from the previous SALP period, there was an overall improving trend in regulatory performance over this SALP period.
2. A significant overall improvement was observed in security. As a result of this Category 1 rating we plan to reduce our inspection activities in this functional area.
3. The rating for Maintenance declined from Category 1 to Category 2. We now feel that the previous rating was too high based on knowledge gained during this assessment period about maintenance management controls, especially maintenance procedures. In addition, NRC and industry expectations of maintenance performance have increased significantly in the past year. Maintenance management controls actually improved during this assessment period.
4. Performance in the Surveillance area was considered to be declining, due primarily to the recent increase in the number of Licensee Event Reports (LERs) concerning missed surveillances. In addition, the overall number of reported personnel errors in several areas is high compared to other facilities.

It is requested that you respond to item 4 above indicating your plans for improving performance in these areas.

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While you will have sufficient opportunity to present your comments at the meeting on January 10, 1986, we also request written comments, including the response to item 4 mentioned above, within 30 days after the meeting. Upon receipt, your comments will be thoroughly evaluated and we will provide you our conclusions relative to them.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the SALP Board Report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning the SALP report, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
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Regional Administrator

Enclosure: SALP 5 Board Report  
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