

July 2, 1997

Mr. K. Graesser  
Site Vice President  
Byron Nuclear Power Station  
Commonwealth Edison Company  
4450 North German Church Road  
Byron, IL 61010

Dear Mr. Graesser:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) recently received information concerning activities at the Byron Nuclear Generating Station. The details are enclosed for your evaluation.

We request that the results of your evaluation of this matter be submitted to NRC Region III within 45 days of the date of this letter. Your response to this request should not be docketed, and should be sent in an envelope addressed to my attention. We also request that your response contain no personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information. If necessary, such information shall be contained in a separate attachment which will be withheld from public disclosure. The affidavit required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) must accompany your response if proprietary information is included.

The NRC review of your response will include whether: (a) the organization or individual conducting the evaluation was independent; (b) the evaluation was of sufficient depth and scope; (c) appropriate root causes and generic implications were considered, if the concerns were substantiated; and (d) the corrective actions, both planned and completed, were sufficient to correct the specific example(s) and generic implications and to prevent recurrence.

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We appreciate your cooperation and will gladly discuss any questions you may have concerning this information.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by John A. Grobe

John A. Grobe, Acting Director  
Division of Reactor Safety

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