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Mr. James L. Caldwell
Acting Regional Administrator
Region III
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
801 Warrenville Rd.
Lisle, Illinois 60532-4351

Subject: Clinton Power Station Request
to Postpone IP 40500 Inspection

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

The semi-annual Plant Performance Review of the Clinton Power Station (CPS) indicates that an inspection utilizing IP 40500, "Effectiveness of Licensee Controls in Identifying, Resolving, and Preventing Problems," is scheduled to occur concurrently with the Engineering and Technical Support inspection starting on September 14, 1998. Based on the current progress at the station, Illinois Power requests that the IP 40500 inspection be postponed.

The Demand for Information (10 CFR 50.54(f)) received September 26, 1997, identified significant concerns regarding the effectiveness of the corrective action program at CPS. Currently, those issues are open, pending the completion of effectiveness reviews which are in progress or scheduled in the near future. CPS intends to submit a final response to the Demand for Information by early November 1998. We request that the inspection regarding these issues occur on or after that time.

Please feel free to call me to discuss this request.

Sincerely yours,

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