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Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Cordell Reed
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Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your review, prior to our scheduled meeting of February 18, 1986 is the SALP 5 Board Report for the LaSalle County Nuclear Power 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 the ratings. These ratings clearly show a decline in operational performance at the LaSalle station over the assessment period, which is a matter of significant concern to me. In fact, I would have to rate the LaSalle regulatory performance as one of the lowest in Region III. I would like to highlight the following items:

1. LaSalle received a Category 3 rating in four functional areas including all three functional areas directly involved with operations (plant operations, maintenance/modifications, and surveillance/in-service testing). Furthermore, the performance trend within the assessment period for the maintenance and surveillance areas declined, while the trend for the operations area was mixed. A Category 3 rating was also given for the area of quality programs and administrative controls. Performance in the area of radiological controls, although it remained a Category 2 rating, also declined.
2. LaSalle received two Category 1 ratings (in fire protection/housekeeping and in startup testing) and in both cases this was an improvement over the Category 2 rating achieved in the previous assessment period.

Throughout the SALP period, we have had several meetings to discuss specific problem areas that have arisen at the LaSalle plant. To aid in our understanding of operations at LaSalle, we conducted a special Task Force review of LaSalle operations and, as a result, issued a 10CFR 50.54(f) letter on November 22, 1985 describing our concerns. In that letter we requested that you evaluate five major areas of concern: 1) adequacy of management structures and practices; 2) adequacy of the maintenance and modification programs; 3) adequacy of control of work activities; 4) adequacy of the implementation of the Regulatory Performance Improvement Plan; and, 5) adequacy of the resources committed to the LaSalle County Station. We have received your response and have it under review. We believe that corrective actions to address these broad concerns will also substantially address the findings of this SALP report. Consequently, we are not asking you to specifically respond to this letter and report.

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You will have an opportunity to present your comments on the SALP report at the meeting on February 18, 1986. We also will consider any written comments received within 30 days after the meeting.

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 Report will be placed in NRC's Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
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Regional Administrator

Enclosure: SALP 5 Board Reports
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