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License No. NPF-72
EA 88-91

Commonwealth Edison Company
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Gentlemen:

By a letter dated June 20, 1988 Commonwealth Edison responded to a Notice of Violation (NOV) and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty which was issued by the NRC staff May 6, 1988 for three violations associated with design control deficiencies for the Control Room Ventilation System at Braidwood Unit 1. In that letter Commonwealth Edison, in part, took exception to Violation B stating that the preoperational testing performed on March 4 and 11, 1987 could not have detected the logic switch wiring problem because the implementing design change was not completed until a number of weeks after that testing. The NRC staff agrees that the testing on the dates stated would not have detected the problem, however, by Commonwealth Edison's admission, the testing that was performed subsequent to the completion of the design change was not adequate to detect the problem. In addition, you agreed that the Control Room Ventilation System was degraded as stated in the cover letter to the May Notice of Violation. Accordingly, the staff is modifying Violation B as follows:

Contrary to the above, the licensee's test program did not demonstrate that the Control Room Ventilation Systems (CRVS) would perform satisfactorily in that CRVS preoperational testing, which was completed before the CRVS were declared operable at the time of Unit 1 initial criticality on May 29, 1987, did not identify that heater interlock logic switches were wired incorrectly, that specified switch setpoints had not been adjusted, and that CRVS were in degraded condition.

The NRC staff intends to consider Violation B as modified above when reviewing Commonwealth Edison's response to the NOV and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty. Should you have any further comments on this specific issue, please submit them in writing to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, with a copy to the Regional Administrator within two weeks of the date of this letter.

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