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**SALP**

Docket No. 50-461

Illinois Power Company  
 ATTN: Mr. W. C. Gerstner  
 Executive Vice President  
 500 South 27th Street  
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Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your review, prior to our scheduled meeting of November 30, 1987, is the SALP.7 Board Report for the Clinton Power Station, covering the period of September 1, 1986 to August 31, 1987.

In accordance with NRC policy, I have reviewed the SALP Board assessment and concur with their ratings. It is my view that Illinois Power Company's conduct of nuclear activities in connection with the Clinton Power Station is acceptable and that management involvement is evident in improving performance. Specific areas I would like to highlight are:

1. The Clinton Power Station has earned two category 1 ratings and no category 3 ratings. The category 1 ratings were in the Preoperational and Startup Testing functional area and the Licensing functional area.
2. It is noted that Surveillance and Training and Qualification Effectiveness are two new functional areas assessed during this rating period.

This is the first SALP issued for the Clinton Power Station since the plant received an Operating license. As such the emphasis and functional areas of this SALP are operationally oriented rather than construction oriented.

In reviewing the overall operational performance, it is noted that many favorable trends have been established in areas such as maintenance backlog, past due preventative maintenance, and unplanned safety system actuations. Areas requiring continued management attention are the number of personnel errors associated with Licensee Event Reports, and poor enforcement history particularly in plant operations and maintenance.

While you will have sufficient opportunity to present your comments at the meeting on November 30, 1987, we also request any written comments within 30 days after the meeting. Upon receipt, your comments will be evaluated and our conclusions relative to them will be provided to you.

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

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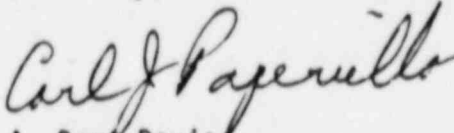
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Should you have any questions concerning the SALP Report, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

*for*   
A. Bert Davis  
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: SALP 7 Board  
Report No. 50-461/87001

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