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Docket No. 50-461

Illinois Power Company
ATTN: Mr. W. C. Gerstner
Executive Vice President
500 South 27th Street
Decatur, IL 62525

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs. T. P. Gwynn, P. L. Hiland, F. J. Jablonski, and J. M. Ulie of this office on February 24 through April 7, 1986, of activities at Clinton Power Station authorized by NRC Construction Permit No. CPPR-137, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. J. S. Perry and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice. A written response is required.

During the inspection exit meeting, members of your staff voiced disagreement with the NRC's position that a requirement had been violated. We have reviewed this matter thoroughly and believe the violation is valid. Further, as mentioned to you during our April 1, 1986 management meeting, we are concerned that changes have been made to procedures/programs such as tagging, design changes, and the Maintenance Work Request system without adequate review. We believe additional steps are required by you to ensure that changes being made do not dilute the quality of established programs.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

"Original Signed by C.E. Norelius"

Charles E. Norelius, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

- 1. Inspection Report
No. 50-461/86017(DRP)
- 2. Notice of Violation

cc w/enclosures:

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