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Docket No. 50-461

Illinois Power Company
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Gentlemen:

Thank you for the submittal of your Operations Quality Assurance Manual, Revision 17/18. We have reviewed the changes to the manual and had discussions with members of your Quality Assurance Systems Section during a site visit on October 27-28, 1987. Based on our review and discussions with your staff, the following two areas of concern require resolution:

1. Delay of Design Verification Completion

Chapter 3, "Design Control," Section 3.2 on page 3 of 5, continues to include an earlier construction practice of allowing delay of final design verification. This is not appropriate. NUREG-0800, Revision 2, Item 3.E.4.b intends that verification and plant system qualification be completed prior to operational reliance.

2. Conditional Release of Unqualified Items

Chapter 15, "Nonconforming Materials, Parts or Components," Section 15.2 on page 2 of 5 continues to use a construction practice of conditionally releasing nonconforming parts and equipment whose acceptability has not been established and allowing the affected system to be considered operable based on an engineering evaluation. This is not appropriate. NUREG-0800, Revision 2, Item 15.3 intends that nonconformances be resolved prior to operational reliance.

We request that your program be revised to correct the above two items. Please resubmit your revised program for our review after these changes have been made. Additionally, we suggest that future auditing of the design verification, nonconformance, and conditional release areas be performed by technically qualified audit personnel.

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We appreciate your timely submittal of the information required by 10 CFR 50.54(a). Please contact Mr. Monte Phillips of my staff (312/790-5530) with any questions you have regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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