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Docket Nos. 50-237; 50-249; 50-373
50-374; 50-456; 50-457

M. L. Nickerson
Box 554
Seneca, IL 61360

Dear Mr. Nickerson:

Your June 29, 1988, letter to Congressman Hastert has been forwarded to us for review. The letter pertains to your concern that maintenance and operations employees of three nuclear power plants in the vicinity of Seneca, Illinois, were working excessive hours. For the purpose of our review we are assuming that the nuclear power plants to which you refer are the Commonwealth Edison Company's Braidwood, Dresden, and LaSalle County Stations. We are interested in knowing if you are aware of an instance where excessive working hours affected, either directly or indirectly, a specific activity at the plants. This information will assist us in determining if excessive working hours had an effect on the performance of a nuclear power plant and its employees. Our Division of Reactor Projects will evaluate that information, along with the information contained in your June 29, 1988 letter, and we will inform you of the results of the reviews.

Please feel free to contact either myself or Julian Hinds, our Section Chief for the Braidwood Plant, with the requested information or any questions. You can telephone both Mr. Hinds and me at (312) 790-5500. Collect telephone calls are accepted. Or, if you prefer you can write to my attention at Post Office Box 2027, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60138-2027. Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Charles H. Weil

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Enclosure: Ltr dtd 6/29/88

cc w/enclosure:
J. Hinds, R111

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DEAR CONGRESSMAN

IT APPEARS THAT THE
OPERATING & MAINTENANCE
PERSONEL OF THE 3 LOCAL
NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANTS
ARE WORKING A LOT OF
6 HOUR SHIFTS. FURTHER THIS
HAS BEEN A COMMON PRACTICE
FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.
IN MY OPINION THIS IS
NOT A SAFE PRACTICE. FURTHER
IT IS AN EXAMPLE OF EXTREME-
LY POOR MANAGEMENT OF
THE PART OF COMMONWEALTH
UNION.

THE TAX PAYER SPENDS MILLIONS
OF DOLLARS TO ASSURE THESE
PLANTS ARE BUILT TO MAXIMUM
SAFETY SPECIFICATIONS AND THAT
OPERATING PERSONEL HAVE THE
NECESSARY POWER OF TRAINING.
THEY ARE NOT WORKING MORE

HOURS 8 HOURS 200505 A
 LOT OF EFFICIENCY AND
 ALERTNESS AFTER 8 HOURS.
 FREQUENTLY PEOPLE WORKING
 81FT WORK DO NOT GET
 DEQUATE REST AND SLEEP.
 IN MY OPINION OPERATING
 AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL
 AT A NUCLEAR PLANT
 SHOULD BE LIMITED TO AN
 HOUR SHIFT.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
 COMMENTS

LOOKS TRUE
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