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Docket No. 50-295

Docket No. 50-304

Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Cordell Reed
Senior Vice President
Post Office Box 767
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Gentlemen:

This refers to an Enforcement Conference conducted by Mr. C. J. Paperiello and other members of the NRC staff with Mr. T. J. Maiman and your staff on May 31, 1989, at the Region III office in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, to discuss the licensee's failure to declare one train of the Containment Spray System (CS) inoperable as identified in NRC Inspection Report No. 295/89017(DRP).

We have concluded that operation with an inoperable train of CS resulted in a Severity Level IV violation of Technical Specifications (TS 3.6.1.C). We are concerned with your operating staff's failure to make an appropriate LCO determination and with the lack of involvement of the station technical staff in this determination. This also appears to have contributed to a condition where inoperable redundant trains went unrecognized. We also note that in your short term corrective action, you did not specify how long the administrative LCO would remain in effect. Therefore, we will consider this LCO to expire on October 1, 1989, when you committed to complete your evaluation of TS. We have made an Open Item (295/89019-01(DRP)) of this TS issue and request that you respond in writing with your resolution of this open item by October 1, 1989. A written response to this violation is also required. In your response, please include your actions to improve your operating staff's LCO determination capabilities and the overview role of the technical staff.

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

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.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this Enforcement Conference.

Sincerely,

"Original signed by W.D. Shafer"

Edward G. Greenman, Director
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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report
No. 50-89019(DRP)

cc w/enclosures:

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