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Docket Nos. 50-456 and 50-457

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Dear Mr. Kovach:

SUBJECT: INLEAKAGE TEST TO DETERMINE AIR INFILTRATION INTO THE CONTROL ROOM ENVELOPE WHEN THE CONTROL ROOM IS PLACED IN THE ISOLATION MODE.

By letter dated April 2, 1987 (S.C. Hunsader to H.R. Denton) Commonwealth Edison Company (CECo) had committed to perform a test to determine the inleakage into the control room envelope when the control room is placed in the isolation mode. This test was first performed in January, 1988 and was to be repeated on an 18-month interval. The next scheduled test is to be performed in July, 1989. In June, 1989, CECo submitted an evaluation (letter, dated May 30, 1989, S.C. Hunsader to T.E. Murley) which proposed an alternative method to demonstrate control room integrity other than performing an inleakage test.

This submittal is currently under NRC staff review. The proposed alternative method for performing this test will not be available in time for CECo to meet the July 1989 commitment. Therefore, since Unit 1 is scheduled to begin a refueling outage during the week of September 4, 1989, and performing the test with Unit 1 in Mode 5 would provide greater operational flexibility, the NRC staff has agreed to accept deferral of this inleakage test as stated in your July 19, 1989 letter (S.C. Hunsader to T.E. Murley).

Based on the staff's review, performance of this test during the Unit 1 outage will satisfy the commitment by CECo and will provide data to evaluate the proposed alternative method described in the May 30, 1989 submittal. This test must be completed prior to Unit 1 entering Mode 1 after the scheduled refueling outage.

Sincerely,

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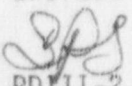
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