

April 13, 2000

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SUBJECT: CLINTON POWER STATION - CORRECTION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED
TO NRC

Dear Mr. Reandeau:

By letter dated December 14, 1999, you informed the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that incorrect design information was provided by Illinois Power Company concerning the Anticipated Transient Without Scram (ATWS) reactor recirculation pump trip (RPT) for the Clinton Power Station (CPS) in a 1990 license amendment request, which was approved by the NRC staff. Subsequent 1991 and 1994 license amendment requests, which were approved by the NRC staff, also reflected the inaccurate information. The incorrect information supported changes to the Technical Specifications (TSs) to increase the allowed outage time for the ATWS-RPT system from 48 hours to 72 hours.

Specifically, the incorrect information was that the ATWS-RPT trip system logic consisted of two redundant systems such that a trip in either system was capable of tripping both recirculation pumps, whereas the actual system configuration is such that each trip system trips only its respective recirculation pump.

In the letter of December 14, 1999, you stated that the CPS ATWS-RPT system meets the requirements of 10 CFR 50.62 and is capable of performing its required function. It was further stated that in terms of immediate corrective actions, requirements equivalent to those originally specified in the TS have been imposed administratively. Additionally, our understanding is that long-term corrective actions include a TS amendment and a review of the system design.

Providing inaccurate information that is material to the NRC is a violation of 10 CFR 50.9, "Completeness and accuracy of information," and this issue was considered for enforcement action. However, given that you self-identified the issue as a result of a voluntary initiative, your immediate and long-term corrective actions are appropriate, and it was not likely to have been identified through normal quality assurance efforts, enforcement action is not being taken. Exercise of discretion for this issue is consistent with Section VII.B.3 of the NRC's Enforcement Policy.

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The staff will follow the long-term corrective actions described in your letter of December 14, 1999. A TS amendment to return the allowed outage time to 48 hours should be submitted prior to restart from the upcoming refueling outage.

Contact your assigned Project Manager if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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