Docket No. 50-461

Illinois Power Company ATTN: J. S. Perry Vice President Clinton Power Station Mail Code V-275 P. O. Box 678 Clinton, IL 61727

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. Thomas Ploski and others of this office on July 23-27, 1990, of activities at the Clinton Power Station, authorized by NRC Facility Operating License No. NPF-62, and to the discussion of our findings with you and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

No violations of NRC requirements were identified during the course of this inspection. However, one Exercise Weakness was identified which will require corrective action. This weakness is summarized in the attached Appendix to this letter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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Sincerely,

L. Robert Greger, Chief Reactor Programs Branch

Enclosures:

Appendix, Exercise Weakness

2. Inspection Report

No. 50-461/90015(DRSS)

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APPENDIX

EXERCISE WEAKNESS

Due to several unnecessary delays in the message review and approval process during the 1990 Emergency Preparedness Exercise, State officials were not initially notified of the Site Area Emergency declaration until 28 minutes after the reclassification decision had been made by the Site Emergency Director. It was not apparent that Technical Support Center staff realized this notification message needed to be transmitted to the State within approximately 15 minutes of the emergency classification decision. (No. 50-461/90015-01).