

Docket No. 50-254
Docket No. 50-265

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Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Cordell Reed
Senior Vice President
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This refers to the management meeting conducted by Mr. H. J. Miller, and other members of the Region III staff, with Mr. D. Galle, and other members of your staff, on September 25, 1990 at the Region III office in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and subsequent telephone call between Mr. N. Kalivianaks of your staff and Mr. H. J. Miller on October 3, 1990. The meeting and call were held to discuss NRC concerns related to containment performance testing at the Quad Cities Nuclear Station authorized by NRC Operating Licenses No. DPR-29 and No. DPR-30.

The enclosed copy of our report identified those matters discussed during the meeting, which focused on your response to violation 50-254/89024-02; 50-265/89024-02, dealing with the results of Quad Cities local leak rate testing.

We considered the actions planned and being taken with respect to the selected valves discussed in the September 25, 1990, meeting to be reasonable. However, and notwithstanding the information provided in your letter of October 9, 1990, the NRC staff continues to be concerned about Commonwealth Edison's plan to take no action on the remaining valves until a comprehensive assessment of valve maintenance and performance history is completed in its entirety. The staff believes that you should review the data on valve performance already in hand to determine what, if any, maintenance might be prudent during this upcoming outage - that is, not wait until all precise aspects of the assessment are complete before anything is done. These concerns are rooted in the greater than ten year history of penetration failures at the end of operating cycles which indicate that containment performance at some point in each of these cycles has significantly fallen below requirements. At the present time, the NRC staff will not pursue the issue of accelerated valve penetration testing pursuant to your commitment to Regulatory Guide 1.33 (ANS 18.7 - 1972). However, this matter and any enforcement actions will be reconsidered in connection with NRC staff review of testing done during the upcoming Unit 1 outage in the fall of 1990 and the unit 2 outage in 1991.

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Additionally, we are documenting our review of your responses, as submitted by letter dated August 17, 1990, to the other violation and unresolved items contained in the above reports, and to our review of the results of your Unit 2 April 1990 integrated leak rate test as submitted on July 26, 1990.

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

We will gladly answer any questions you have regarding either the meeting, or the report.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY HUBERT J. MILLER

Hubert J. Miller, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosure: Inspection Reports
No. 50-254/90019(DRS)
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