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Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Cordell Reed
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Dear Mr. Reed:

Enclosed for your review, before our scheduled meeting of December 18, 1992, is the Initial SALP 11 Report for the Braidwood Station, covering the period May 1, 1991 through September 30, 1992.

In accordance with NRC policy, I have reviewed the SALP Board Assessment and concur with their ratings. It is my view that your conduct of nuclear activities in connection with the Braidwood facility was good.

Specific areas I would like to highlight are:

1. The areas of maintenance/surveillance, and security retained Category 1 ratings.
2. The areas of plant operations, and safety assessment/quality verification improved with Category 2 Improving ratings. A significant factor in the improved ratings was the shutdown risk program, which has resulted in the elimination of shutdown risk associated events during this period.
3. The area of engineering and technical support improved and was rated Category 2 Improving during this assessment period. Improvement was noted in many areas, most notably in the involvement of engineering in day to day operations, monitoring of equipment performance and maintenance activities. Management challenges will be to address problems in the motor operated valve program and to sustain improvement initiatives.
4. The area of radiological controls retained a Category 2 rating. Improvements in the areas of staffing, ALARA program, and radiological chemistry laboratory proficiency were offset by the impact of contaminated areas on operator rounds and worker contamination control practices.
5. Performance in the area of emergency preparedness declined during this period and was rated Category 2. The lower rating was due primarily to training deficiencies caused by the failure to fill the EP trainer position in a timely manner, and the failure to identify technical issues.

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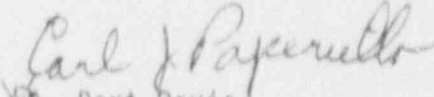
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At the SALP meeting, you should be prepared to discuss our assessments. The meeting is intended to be a candid dialogue wherein any comments you may have regarding our report are discussed. Additionally, you may provide written comments within 30 days after the meeting. Your comments, a summary of our meeting, and my disposition of your comments will be issued as the Final SALP Report.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the Initial SALP Report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning the Initial SALP Report, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,


A. Bert Davis
Regional Administrator

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Report No. 50-456/92001;50-457/92001

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