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Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3
Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-19 and DPR-25
NRC Docket Nos. 50-237 and 50-249

Subject: Clarification of Closure of Items Associated with ECCS Suction Strainers Blockage

- References:
- 1) Letter from R.M. Krich (Commonwealth Edison Company) to U.S. NRC, "Results of the Review of the NRC's Safety Evaluation of the Boiling Water Reactor Owners' Group Report, 'Utility Resolution Guidance for Resolution of ECCS Suction Strainer Blockage'," dated October 19, 1998
 - 2) Letter from J.M. Heffley (Commonwealth Edison Company) to U.S. NRC, "Refueling Outage 15 (D3R15) Summary," dated March 29, 1999
 - 3) Letter from J.M. Heffley (Commonwealth Edison Company) to U.S. NRC, "Refueling Outage 16 (D2R16) Summary," dated November 24, 1999
 - 4) Letter from Preston Swafford (Commonwealth Edison Company) to U.S. NRC, "Refueling Outage 16 (D3R16) Summary," dated November 1, 2000

The purpose of this letter is to provide clarification of activities performed by the Dresden Nuclear Power Station (DNPS) to close commitments made regarding the Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) Suction Strainers. Reference 1 identified five (5) specific activities that DNPS would take to close the issue and stated that we would report completion of these commitments within 30 days of completion. References 2, 3, and 4 provided statements regarding actions taken and were intended to meet the commitment for notifying the NRC of completion within 30 days.

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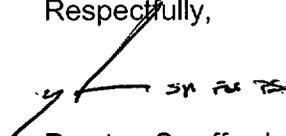
The item of clarification required is that in Reference 4 DNPS stated that all required calculations and modifications to support suction strainer changes have been completed. This statement should have been expanded to state that the following actions were also completed:

- The UFSAR was revised to change the design basis for the strainers.
- An administrative program was implemented by Dresden Administrative Procedure (DAP) 05-09, "Drywell/Suppression Chamber Debris Material Control," to ensure that the potential for debris to be generated and transported to the strainer does not, at any time, exceed the calculated capacity of the replacement strainers.
- Procedures DOS 1600-10, "Drywell Closeout Inspection Plan," and DOS 1600-19, "Suppression Chamber Closeout Inspection," to inspect the drywell and wetwell have been implemented.

With the completion of these items, DNPS has completed all commitments regarding the suction strainers.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mr. D.F. Ambler at (815) 942-2920 extension 3800.

Respectfully,



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