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Attention: Mr. Henry E. Bliss
 Nuclear Licensing Administrator

Gentlemen:

Your letter dated January 15, 1970, provided information relative to a proposed test program to obtain information on crud deposition in the nose pieces of boiling water reactor fuel elements. The proposed test, to begin with cycle 1 operation, would require the insertion of special Zircaloy-2 crud deposition targets in the tie plates of four Dresden 2 fuel bundles.

The proposed test program has been reviewed and determined not to involve an unreviewed safety question nor to require a change to the Technical Specifications of Facility License No. DPR-19. Consequently, you may perform the proposed test as described in Topical Report DPR-19, Mod. 70-2, attached to your letter of January 15, 1970, in accordance with paragraph 50.59(a) of 10 CFR Part 50 without prior Commission authorization. If the crud deposition test is carried out, it should be recorded and reported as provided in paragraph 50.59(b).

Sincerely,

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