

October 18, 2002

EA-01-311

Mr. John L. Skolds, President
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Exelon Generation Company, LLC
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SUBJECT: BRAIDWOOD STATION - REPLY TO LICENSEE'S REVISED RESPONSE TO
CITED VIOLATION FOR NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-456/01-11(DRP);
50-457/01-11(DRP)

Dear Mr. Skolds:

We received your letter dated August 19, 2002, which provided a revised response to a Notice of Violation issued on December 12, 2001, in Inspection Report 50-456/01-11(DRP); 50-457/01-11(DRP). The violation involved an inadequate procedure which could allow the essential service water average temperature to exceed the Design Basis and Technical Specification Section 3.7.9 maximum temperature limits of 100 degrees Fahrenheit. In your letter dated January 11, 2002, you initially disagreed that a violation had occurred, in part, because of the available design margins in components served by the essential service water system. We requested, by letter dated March 11, 2002, additional information on your basis for disagreeing with the violation. You provided additional information in your letter dated May 3, 2002. That information, in part, was discussed in a public meeting on July 18, 2002. At that meeting you committed to submitting a revised response to the Notice of Violation which you did by letter of August 19, 2002. Your revised response acknowledged the violation and listed corrective actions to prevent future similar violations.

As discussed with members of your Braidwood staff on October 1, 2002, you entered this violation into your corrective action program. Your corrective actions will be examined during future inspections.

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Sincerely,

/RA by Steven A. Reynolds Acting for/

Geoffrey E. Grant, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Docket Nos. 50-456; 50-457
License Nos. NPF-72; NPF-77

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