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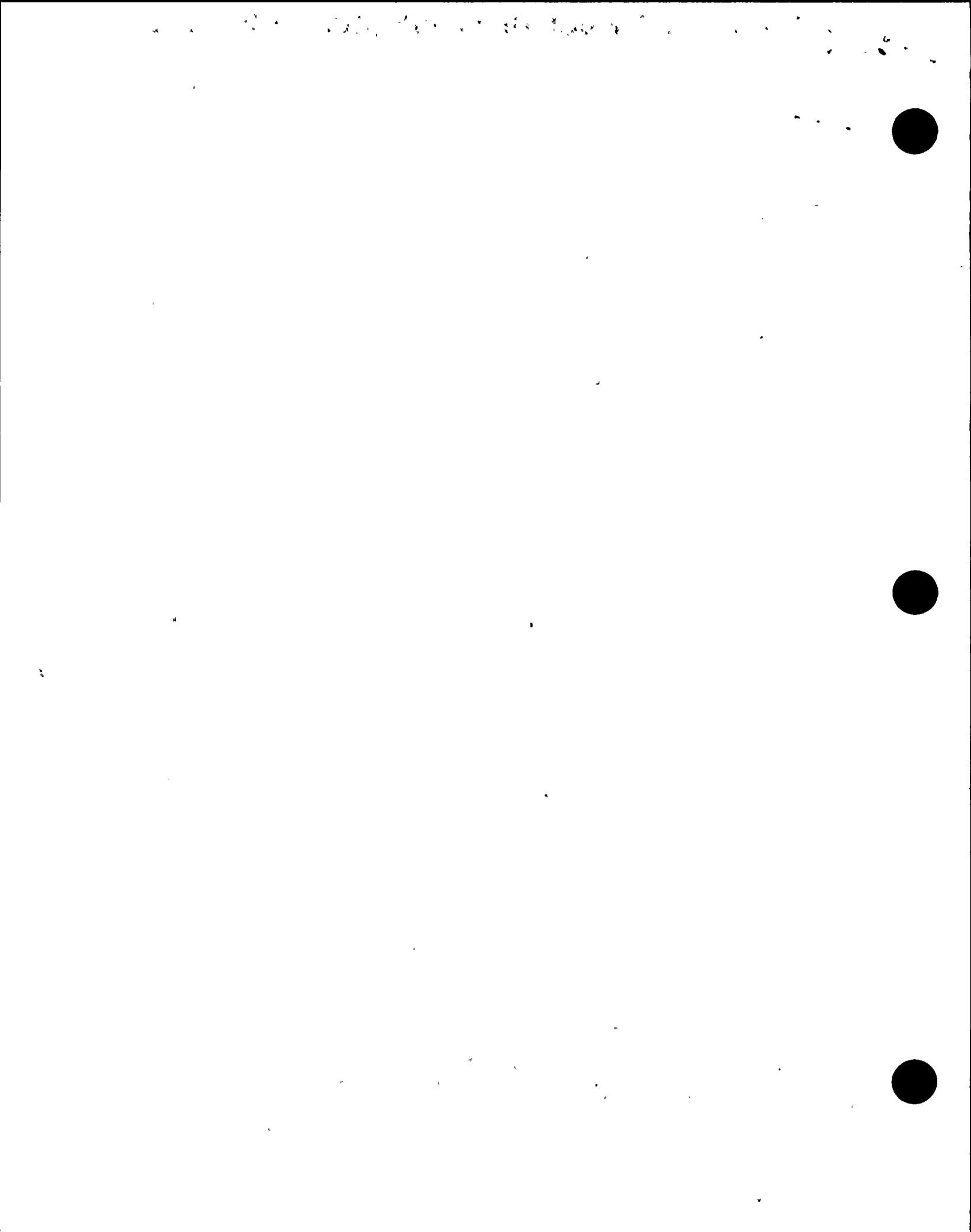
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Subject: Dresden Nuclear Power Station
Maximum Recycle Building Exhaust Fan Replacement
NRC Docket Nos. 50-237 and 50-249

- References: (a) C.E. Norelius Letter to Cordell Reed, dated September 18, 1992, transmitting Inspection Report Nos. 50-237/92019; 50-249/92019
- (b) T.J. Kovach letter to USNRC dated November 25, 1992, Response to Information Requested in Inspection Report Nos. 50-237/92019; 50-249/92019
- (c) P.L. Piet letter to USNRC dated May 28, 1993, Updating and Providing Reason for Completion Delay in Reference to Inspection Report Nos. 50-237/92019; 50-249/92019

In the Reference (a) Inspection Report, concerns were expressed regarding the maximum recycle building ventilation system. In the Reference (b) letter, Dresden Station committed to installing new high capacity maximum recycle building exhaust fans by May 30, 1993. In the Reference (c) letter, Dresden Station requested the completion date be extended to July 31, 1993, due to the extension of the Unit 2 refuel outage and forced outages on Unit 3.

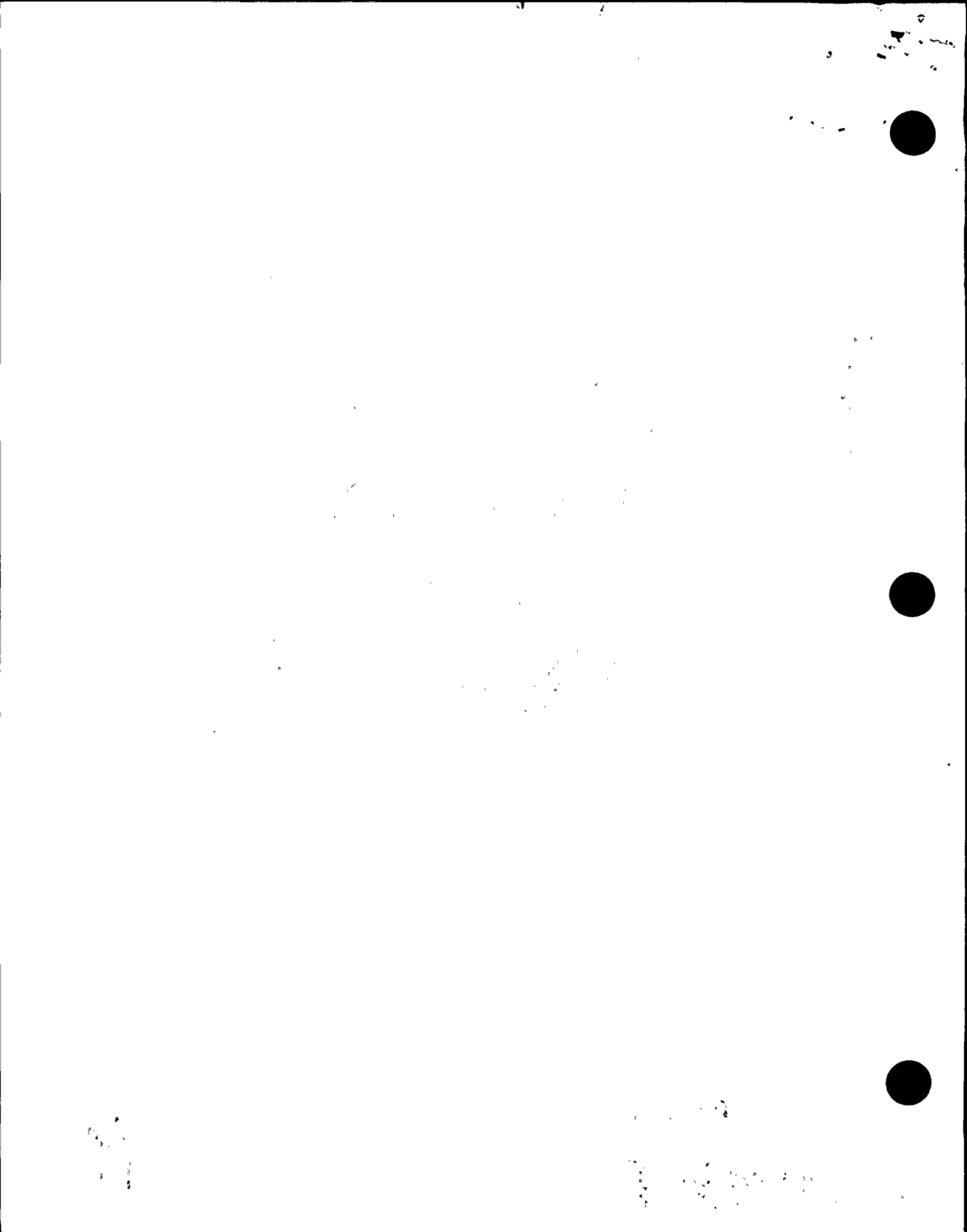
Installation of these fans are in progress. The 'A' fan is expected to be completed by July 31, 1993. Installation of the 'B' fan will be started immediately after the 'A' fan is declared operable. The schedule for the completion of both fans by July 31, 1993 could not be accomplished due to difficulties encountered while installing stiffening members on the common suction ducting prior to the installation of the 'A' fan. Also, an unexpected forced outage on Unit 3 which started on July 10 lasted for five days. Site resources were re-focused on the safe completion of the outage. During 'A' fan testing difficulties were encountered in obtaining the design requirements. This is being resolved with the assistance of the fan vendor. The lessons learned by the completed work will be incorporated in the 'B' fan work package. Replacement of the 'B' fan will be completed by August 31, 1993.

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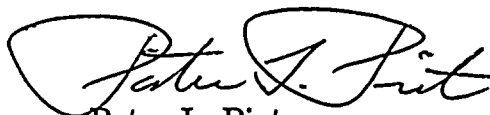
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The maximum recycle building ventilation exhaust system consists of two 100% fans. With the completion of the 'A' fan the system will be able to operate and maintain the building to the design specification of 1/8 inch water gauge negative differential pressure with respect to the outside atmosphere. The safety significance of having both fans completed by July 31, 1993 is minimal as only one fan is required to operate to ensure the design requirements for the maximum recycle building is maintained. In addition the current compensatory actions will remain in place until the completion of the 'B' fan installation and testing.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,



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