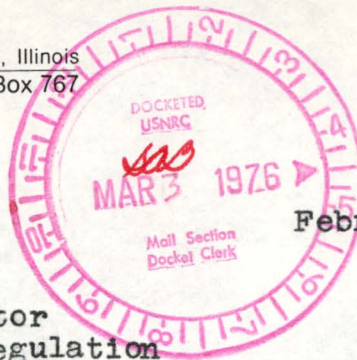




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Re: Dresden Units 2 and 3  
Mark I Containment Evaluation  
NRC Docket Nos. 050-237, 050-249

Dear Mr. Rusche:

As was indicated in our letter of February 23, 1976, the material inspection and test reports for the inside column supports on the Dresden Unit 2 and the Unit 3 torus have been located. The sixteen inner columns on the Unit 2 torus were all produced from the same heat of material, and had a reported yield strength of 38,250 psi. The sixteen inner columns on the Unit 3 torus were all produced from the same heat of material, and had a reported yield strength of 39,000 psi.

The actual yield strengths are somewhat lower than the statistically determined value of 40,700 psi reported in Section II.B.1.a of our letter report of February 6, 1976. As a result, the ratio of predicted column load to actual column strength reported as 0.90 in Section II.B.1.b. of that report should be revised to 0.96 for Unit 2 and 0.94 for Unit 3.

This change does not affect the conclusions previously reached, that the evaluation of column capacity by GE and Bechtel is conservative, and that the columns are expected to maintain their integrity under the most probable loads due to the postulated LOCA. The remainder of the February 6 report relative to the Dresden Station containment adequacy remains unchanged.

Very truly yours,

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