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Reportable Occurrence Report #79-16/01T-0, Docket # 050-237 is hereby submitted to your office in accordance with Dresden Nuclear Power Station Technical Specification 6.6.B.1.(C), abnormal degradation discovered in fuel cladding, reactor coolant pressure boundary, or primary containment.

B.B. Stephenson Station Superintendent

Dresden Nuclear Power Station

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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSEE EVENT REPORT 79-016/01T-0 COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY (CWE) DRESDEN UNIT 2 (ILDRS-2) DOCKET # 050-237

During the current refueling outage, workers discovered water dripping from an elbow on a drain line from the bottom of LPCI testable check valve 2-1501-25. All leakage was contained inside the drywell and directed to the Drywell Floor Drain System.

Upon further investigation the leakage was determined to be coming from a crack in the weld on the elbow. The weld was cracked 360° around the pipe.

Calculations showed that a complete severance of a 1" line such as this would be well within the capabilities of ECCS systems.

The defective weld was ground out, repaired and dye penetrant tested following approved procedures.

The weld failure was apparently due to an improper pipe fitup prior to welding the pipe originally i.e., pipe bottomed out in the socket.