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Docket No. 50-249  
EA No. 91-152

Commonwealth Edison Company  
ATTN: Mr. Cordell Reed  
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Dear Mr. Reed:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-249/91033

The refers to the special inspection conducted by Mr. M. A. Kunowski of this office on October 15-25, 1991, of activities at Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3, authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-25, and to the discussion of our findings with Mr. E. D. Eenigenburg and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. The purpose of this inspection was to review the circumstances of the October 11, 1991, unplanned exposures during inservice inspection of a recirculation pump discharge valve.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

Based on the results of this inspection, three apparent violations were identified and are being considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy), 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (1991). These apparent violations included the failure to follow station procedures, the failure to adequately evaluate the radiological hazards to the workers conducting the inservice inspection, and the failure to provide appropriate dosimetry to the workers. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for these inspection findings. Please be advised that the number and characterization of apparent violations described in the enclosed inspection report may change as a result of further NRC review.

An enforcement conference to discuss these apparent violations has been scheduled for November 18, 1991. The purposes of this conference are to discuss the apparent violations, their causes and safety significance; to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report; to provide an

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opportunity for you to present your proposed corrective actions; and to discuss any other information that will help us determine the appropriate enforcement action in accordance with the Enforcement Policy. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter. No response regarding these apparent violations is required at this time.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY W. L. AXELSON

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Enclosure: Inspection Report  
No. 50-249/91033(DRSS)

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