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Docket No. 50-237
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Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Cordell Reed
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Dear Mr. Reed:

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Messrs. M. A. Kunowski and A. W. Markley of this office on June 10 through August 6, 1992. The inspection included a review of authorized activities for your Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report. This also refers to the meeting held on July 17, 1992, between Mr. W. L. Axelson and other members of my staff, and Mr. C. W. Schroeder and others of your staff, to discuss radioactive waste issues.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, dose rate measurements, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice.

Although 10 CFR 2.201 requires you to submit to this office, within 20 days of your receipt of this Notice, a written statement of explanation, we note that these violations had been corrected and those actions were reviewed during this inspection. Therefore, no response with respect to these matters is required. However, we do request that you inform us in writing of your evaluation and proposed actions with regard to operation of the radwaste ventilation systems outside of design specifications.

This is the second and final report of a special inspection of the radiation protection program with particular focus on possible causes of recurring examples of poor performance in radiological controls. The inspection identified examples of failure to meet commitments and to fully implement

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corrective actions, disregard of postings and failure to ensure they properly reflect changed radiological conditions, failure to follow procedures and policies, and inadequate evaluations. Taken together, these examples suggest a rather widespread and possibly longstanding lack of concern toward achievement of a good radiological controls program. Of particular concern is the apparent acceptance of these attitudes by management as indicated by failure to identify and correct evident problems. We recognize that current station management is concerned with these problems and has increased emphasis on procedure adherence and on individual worker and manager accountability for the condition of identified areas and equipment. We support this emphasis on increased management presence in the plant and will continue to monitor the station's progress.

We would like to meet with appropriate members of your staff to discuss Commonwealth Edison's perception of the weaknesses identified and the planned corrective actions. A member of my staff will be in contact with your staff to set up a meeting.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosed inspection report, and your written response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHARLES E. NORELIUS

Charles E. Norelius, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
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Enclosures:

- 1. Notice of Violation
- 2. Inspection Reports
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 - No. 50-249/92019(DRSS)

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