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Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. L. O. DelGeorge
Vice President, Nuclear Oversight
and Regulatory Services
Executive Towers West III
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Downers Grove, IL 60515

Dear Mr. DelGeorge:

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Mr. Michael S. Peck and others of this office from December 14, 1992, to January 29, 1993. The inspection included a review of activities authorized 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 (Enclosure 1).

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. This special inspection focused on the containment heat removal system with particular emphasis on containment cooling service water. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities and tests in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, several 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. The apparent violations concern the degraded condition of the containment cooling service water system and potential weaknesses with your engineering design function, potential inadequacies in safety evaluations performed on changes to the facility, and apparent misunderstandings of NRC reporting requirements. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for these inspection findings. In addition, 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 February 22, 1993. This enforcement conference will be open to public observation in accordance with the Commission's trial program as discussed in the enclosed *Federal Register* notice (Enclosure 2.) The purposes of this conference are to discuss the apparent violations; their root causes

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and their safety significance; to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report; and to provide an opportunity for you to present your proposed corrective actions. In addition, this is an opportunity for you to provide any information concerning your perspective on the severity of the issue, the factors that the NRC considers when it determines the amount of a civil penalty that may be assessed in accordance with Section VI.B.2 of the Enforcement Policy, and the possible basis for exercising discretion in accordance with Section VII of the Enforcement Policy. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations in 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 its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

Original signed by E. G. Greenman

Edward G. Greenman, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

- 1. Inspection Report
50-237/249-92034
- 2. Federal Register Notice
dated July 22, 1992

See Attached Distribution

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