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Regional Administrator  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region III  
799 Roosevelt Rd.  
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Subject: Dresden Station Units 2 & 3 NRC Docket 50-237 & 50-249  
Allegation of Control Rod Misposition Event

Dear Mr. Davis:

It has come to the attention of Commonwealth Edison's Dresden Station through preliminary information that on September 18, 1992 the wrong control rod was inserted on Unit 2. Although in itself this specific event had no effect on reactor safety or fuel integrity, such an event is required to be logged and reported to senior station management. This preliminary information also suggests that five individuals in the Operations and Technical Staff Department had knowledge of this event, but did not report the event. Commonwealth Edison views this incident as very serious and is aggressively pursuing this incident.

Our immediate actions yesterday included:

- Immediate suspension of the five individuals pending completion of an investigation by personnel independent of the station.
- Additionally, if it should be concluded that these individuals should resume any duties in Commonwealth Edison's Nuclear Program, I assure you that discussions with you or your staff will ensue before they are reinstated.

Further, the following actions have been initiated:

- The assignment of senior management coverage on all shifts with the main purpose to:
  1. Communicate the event to all operations personnel.
  2. Communicate and enforce management expectations.
  3. Provide shift oversight.

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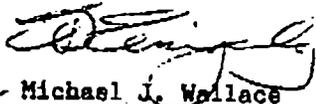
- This assignment of senior management on all shifts will continue at least until we have completed our investigation.
- Oversight of Dresden qualified Nuclear Engineer activities on shift for control rod movements will be provided beginning November 25, 1992. This oversight will also continue at least until we have completed our investigation.
- A gatehouse memorandum was handed out to all entering personnel describing the event and to reiterate senior station management expectations "to do their job right" and take appropriate actions if a mistake is made.
- Special department tailgates to all station departments will be conducted this morning describing the event and communicating the need to workers to understand the significance of record keeping responsibilities and management's expectations of personal integrity and trustworthiness.
- A Commonwealth Edison Lessons Learned Notification stating preliminary information on the event will be transmitted to the other five Commonwealth Edison stations.
- A special task force headed by the Manager of our Nuclear Fuel Services Department has been appointed and will directly report to Mr. Ken Graesser, General Manager of BWR Nuclear Operations.
- Mr. Graesser will be providing the charter, direction, and oversight for the investigation team. The task force consists of some of Commonwealth Edison's most senior and experienced personnel in the area of root cause investigations.

Mr. Davis, I must emphasize that Commonwealth Edison believes that worker trustworthiness is essential to safe plant operation, and any instances of deviations from that trust are considered to be significant. CECO's senior management at both the plants and corporate offices will move aggressively to reiterate and enforce the unacceptability of any individual's performance which does not meet the highest standards of personal and professional integrity.

I personally will support and reinforce very aggressive actions in any case that reflects anything other than the highest levels of openness and integrity.

I once again would like to reiterate all the above information regarding the event itself is preliminary and until the event investigation is completed, all on-going and corrective actions are not finalized. My staff will continue to keep an open dialogue with your staff communicating information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

  
for Michael J. Wallace  
Chief Nuclear Operating Officer

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Dresden Senior Resident Inspector  
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