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Docket No. 50-237
Docket No. 50-249

Commonwealth Edison Company
ATTN: M. D. Lyster, Site Vice President
Dresden Station
6500 North Dresden Road
Morris, IL 60450

Dear Mr. Lyster:

SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF RADIATION PROTECTION AND SHIPPING OF RADIOACTIVE
MATERIALS AT DRESDEN (NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-237/93032(DRSS);
50-249/93032(DRSS))

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Messrs.
M. A. Kunowski and N. Shah of this office from November 22 through December 3,
1993. The inspection included a review of authorized activities for your
Dresden Nuclear Station, Units 2 and 3. At the conclusion of the inspection,
the findings were discussed with the members of your staff identified in the
enclosed report.

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

Based on the results of the inspection, certain of your activities appeared to
be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of
Violation (Notice). The first violation, for the inadvertent release of
contaminated material from the radiologically controlled area, represents a
recurrent problem at Dresden. Corrective actions for previous similar
problems should have prevented this problem. The corrective actions
recommended by your Positive Control of Radioactive Material Investigation
Team appear appropriate to address part of this problem. The second
violation, for the failure of workers to wear the proper dosimetry, represents
another recurrent problem and one which NRC personnel have identified several
instances in the past several years.

The station's recently restructured policy on dispensing disciplinary action
for such problems appears to have captured the attention of workers and
management. We believe that the use of the policy for disciplining two
members of station upper management was a compelling demonstration of your
resolve in this matter; however, the violations in the Notice and the examples
of personnel errors described in Inspection Reports No. 50-237/93029(DRP); 50-
249/93029(DRP) indicate that the policy has not been entirely effective and
continued aggressive management action is needed.

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You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

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

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

Sincerely,


Cynthia D. Pederson, Chief
Reactor Support Programs Branch

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Reports
No. 50-237/93032(DRSS);
No. 50-249/93032(DRSS)

cc w/enclosures:


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