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Mr. John P. Marotto  
[Home Address Deleted  
Under 10 CFR 2.790]

Dear Mr. Marotto:

SUBJECT: LETTER OF REPRIMAND  
(NRC Inspection Report No. 50-237/92033; 50-249/92033)  
(NRC Investigation Report No. 3-92-055-R)

This letter refers to events that occurred during operation of the Dresden Nuclear Station Unit 2 on September 18, 1992, and in violation of Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) requirements and Dresden Technical Specifications. An NRC inspection and investigation of the event was conducted. On November 17, 1993, an enforcement conference was held with you and members of the NRC Region III staff.

A rod mispositioning event occurred on September 18, 1992 when a Nuclear Station Operator (NSO) moved a control rod out of sequence. The error was noticed by a Qualified Nuclear Engineer (QNE) and the NSO then continued to move control rods in violation of station procedures at the QNE's direction, after which the QNE informed the Station Control Room Engineer (SCRE) of the mispositioned rod. Subsequently, the SCRE, the NSO, the QNE, and the two nuclear engineers in training present during the event, including yourself, agreed not to tell anyone else about the rod mispositioning incident. As a result, neither the mispositioned rod nor the subsequent deviation from the planned control rod pattern were documented in the control room log, a Dresden Form 14-14C was falsified, and CECO management was not informed of the incident. The conduct of the SCRE, the NSO and the QNE put the Dresden station in violation of NRC requirements, Dresden Technical Specifications, 10 CFR 50.9, "Completeness and Accuracy of Information", and constituted multiple violations of 10 CFR 50.5, "Deliberate Misconduct" and 10 CFR 50.9, "Completeness and Accuracy of Information".

Your role in agreeing to conceal this incident aided the deliberate misconduct of the NSO, the QNE and the SCRE, and cannot and will not be tolerated by the NRC. Therefore, after consultation with the Commission, and in recognition of your status as a trainee, I have decided to issue this letter of reprimand. You should be aware of the seriousness with which the NRC views such actions. The public health, safety and trust demand that personnel at a nuclear power plant conduct themselves

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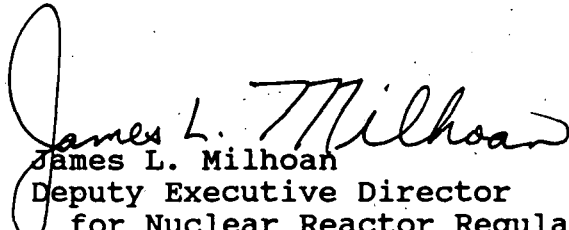
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with absolute integrity at all times. You did not do so in this case. Should there be evidence of similar conduct in the future, you may be subject to civil and criminal sanctions and may be removed from licensed activities pursuant to 10 CFR 50.5, "Deliberate misconduct".

Questions concerning the Letter of Reprimand may be addressed to James Lieberman, Director, Office of Enforcement, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Mr. Lieberman can be reached at telephone number (301) 504-2741.

You are not required to respond to this letter. However, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and your response, if you choose to submit one, will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room, with your home address removed.

Sincerely,

  
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