

August 8, 1994

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

EA 94-148

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

Dear Mr. Lyster:

This letter refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. H. A. Walker of this office from June 24 through July 26, 1994. The inspection included a review of authorized activities for your Dresden Nuclear Power Station. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those 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 selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel and observation of activities in progress. The purpose of the inspection was to review the actions taken on inspection follow-up item 249/94003-03(DRS) and Licensee Event Report (LER) 237/94-010. The LER, dated May 9, 1994, was issued as a result of licensee actions on the inspection follow-up item.

One apparent violation was noted regarding inadequate and untimely actions to correct inadequate design calculations. Inadequate design calculations were identified by licensee personnel in January of 1992. Delayed action on the calculations resulted in a degraded condition of the High Pressure Coolant Injection (HPCI) ventilation system. Under degraded voltage conditions, the HPCI system might not have performed the safety related functions required by plant Technical Specifications. The failure to promptly determine and correct noted problems, as in this case, can result in equipment that is not capable of performing the intended safety function.

This issue is 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. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for this inspection finding. 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. You will be notified when further action is required.

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

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

Sincerely,

/s/ M. A. Ring (for)
Geoffrey E. Grant, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Enclosure: Inspection Reports
No. 50-237/94013(DRS);
No. 50-249/94013(DRS)

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