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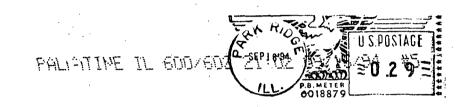
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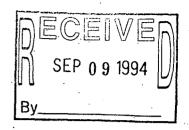


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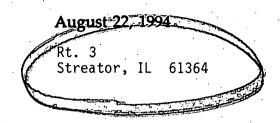
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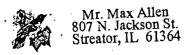
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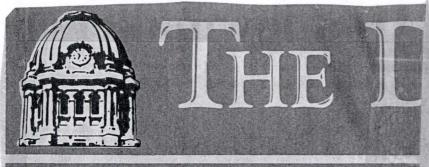
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Braidwood shuts down — again

By Mike Lyons Journal writer

The roar of thousands of cubic feet of steam escaping from Common-Wealth Edison's Braidwood nuclear power plant this morning frightened plant neighbors and produced a flood of calls to Edison offices as company spokesmen in Chicago scrambled to find answers.

Edison spokesman Dan Demos said the steam release was an automatic shutdown of unit one, which was operating under full load at the time.

Unit two shut down under similar circumstances Aug. 2.

Demos said the steam represents no threat to the public, though some plant neighbors aren't so sure.

Rose Favaro who has lived across Illinois 129 from the plant since it was built in 1975, fears that "someday this plant's going to blow, and yet Edison keeps telling us it's all right.

"All of a sudden there was the big, loud blast of steam. I think my blood pressure shot up 50 points."

Mrs. Favaro, 67, said the roar of escaping steam was audible despite her having all doors and windows closed.

The shutdown began at 10:29 and was still producing venting steam at 11:45 a.m.

Demos thought the event might last only an hour.

He characterized an hour-long venting episode as "not unduly long if the unit is under full load" as was the case this morning.

At late morning, Edison was still searching for the factors which caused the unit's "four main steam isolation valves to close."

The jetting steam was absorbed by the foggy shroud which clung to much of the area this morning.

Demos said such emergency steam venting is common to all plants which generate steam regardless of the kind of fuel the plant uses, noting a recent steam release at Edison's coal-fired facility near Joliet.

But the "steam event," as Edison terms such occurrances, still unnerves neighbors like Mrs. Favaro whose personal campaign for answers to public fears have led her to phone the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Washington D.C. following past "steam events."

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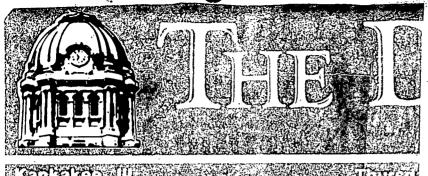
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Edison spokesman Dan Demos said the steam release was an autoof steam escaping from Common- matic shutdown of unit one, which was operating under full load at the

Unit two shut down under similar circumstances Aug. 2.

Demos said the steam represents no threat to the public, though some plant neighbors aren't so sure.

Rose Favaro who has lived across Illinois 129 from the plant since it was built in 1975, fears that "someday this plant's going to blow, and yet Edison keeps telling us it's all right.

"All of a sudden there was the big, loud blast of steam. I think my blood pressure shot-up 50 points."

Mrs. Favaro, 67, said the roar of escaping steam was audible despite her having all doors and windows closed.

The shutdown began at 10:29 and was still producing venting steam at 11:45 a.m.

Demos thought the event might last only an hour.

He characterized an hour-long venting episode as "not unduly long if the unit is under full load" as was the case this morning.

At late morning, Edison was still searching for the factors which caused the unit's "four main steam isolation valves to close."

The jetting steam was absorbed by the foggy shroud which clung to much of the area this morning.

Demos said such emergency steam venting is common to all plants which generate steam regardless of the kind of fuel the plant uses, noting a recent steam release at Edison's coal-fired facility near Joliet.

But the "steam event," as Edison terms such occurrances, still unnerves neighbors like Mrs. Favaro whose personal campaign for answers to public fears have led her to phone the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Washington D.C. following past "steam events."

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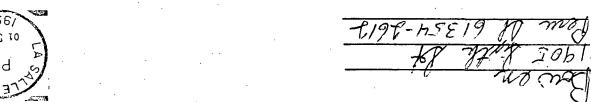
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Dear Commissioner Selin:

As a resident of northern Illinois, I want to register my concern about Commonwealth Edison's (CECO) plans to reduce security at its LaSalle, Dresden, and Zion nuclear plants.

At the time CECO pushed hard to construct more nuclear reactors in northern Illinois than anywhere else in the country, they made a commitment to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), and more importantly, to us that they would maintain the highest level of safety and security possible to protect us.

When we agreed to allow CECO to build all of these plants in our backyards, we put our faith in you. We trusted the NRC to <u>aggressively</u> watch over CECO to make sure that their commitments would be fulfilled, including the one to keep the plants secure. I am concerned that you are prepared to let them do less than they have been doing.

They have already reduced the number of security officers by 40 percent. Now that all their reactors are finished, CECO is telling us they want to save money by taking highly trained armed security officers and making them unarmed guards so they can pay them less money. This, at a time when terrorist threats have hit closer to home then at any time in our recent history.

They have said publicly that they should be allowed to reduce security at their plants because you have let other plants such as Three Mile Island get away with it.

We don't want another Three Mile Island type of plant here in Illinois.

Please help us stop this plan by CECO. Only you have the power to make them live up to their commitments. (Do not let them reduce armed security in Northern Illinois.) Make them put people over profits this time.

I look forward to your response to my plea for assistance.

Sincerely,

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