

October 24, 1996



U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
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Subject: Braidwood Nuclear Power Station Units 1 and 2
Byron Nuclear Power Station Units 1 and 2
Dresden Nuclear Power Station Units 2 and 3
LaSalle County Nuclear Power Station Units 1 and 2
Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station Units 1 and 2
Zion Nuclear Power Station Units 1 and 2

Generic Letter (GL) 96-04, "Boraflex Degradation in Spent Fuel Pool Storage Racks."

NRC Docket Nos. 50-454 and 50-455
NRC Docket Nos. 50-456 and 50-457
NRC Docket Nos. 50-237 and 50-249
NRC Docket Nos. 50-373 and 50-374
NRC Docket Nos. 50-254 and 50-265
NRC Docket Nos. 50-295 and 50-304

Reference: NRC Generic Letter (GL) 96-04: Boraflex Degradation in Spent Fuel Pool Storage Racks, dated June 26, 1996.

The referenced letter informed licensees of issues concerning the use of Boraflex in spent fuel storage racks. The NRC staff requested that licensees provide a written response within 120 days of the date of the Generic Letter that described how the concerns were to be addressed. The due date for the response is October 24, 1996. Due to unforeseen difficulties associated with the development of this response, ComEd requests a fourteen (14) day delay in providing our response. As such, ComEd's response will be provided to the NRC staff prior to November 7, 1996.

ComEd has taken action to address the concerns identified within GL 96-04. ComEd has confirmed that the onsite storage of spent fuel is currently in compliance with GDC 62, for the prevention of criticality in fuel storage and handling, except as previously reported for Byron and Braidwood. Further details will be addressed in our final response.

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ComEd apologizes for any inconvenience this issue may have caused the NRC staff. If there are any questions regarding this issue, please contact this office.

Respectfully,



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