

February 6, 1997

Mr. J. S. Perry
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Dresden Nuclear Power Station
Commonwealth Edison Company
6500 North Dresden Road
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-237/97003(DRS); 50-249/97003(DRS) AND
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Perry:

On January 15, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 2 and 3. A final telephone exit was conducted on January 23, 1997. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violation is of concern because the undocumented installation of a pump in the Unit 2 torus basement was considered to be a change to the facility as described in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report without a written safety evaluation to ensure that an unreviewed safety question did not exist.

In past torus inspections, your staff had identified inside diameter pitting of the torus suppression chamber in both units, for which vendor supplied calculations had been performed to demonstrate the acceptability of the torus pitting. Due to the short inspection period, your staff was unable to provide repair records or documented characterization/evaluation of this pitting as assumed in the bounding calculations. Thus, the inspector was unable to determine if appropriate corrective actions (pitting repairs and/or pitting characterization) had been performed as assumed in the bounding engineering calculations. As agreed upon by members of your staff, you are requested to provide a response letter which addresses this issue within 60 days of the date of this letter.

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 and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning these inspections.

Sincerely,

/s/ M. Leach (for)

Geoffrey E. Grant, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-237; 50-249

Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report 50-237/97003(DRS); 50-249/97003(DRS)

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