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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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**SUBJECT: Dresden Station Unit 3  
Retraction of Request for an Extension of the 18.5 Month  
Operating Period Stipulated for Dresden Unit 3 Due to the Core  
Shroud Cracking Issue.  
NRC Docket No. 50-249**

**REFERENCE: (a) J. S. Perry (ComEd) letter to the USNRC Document Control  
Desk, dated September 12, 1997, "Extension of the 18.5 Month  
Operating Period Stipulated for Dresden Unit 3 Due to the Core  
Shroud Cracking Issue."**

The purpose of this letter is to retract the request previously made for an extension to the 18.5 month operating period resulting from the Core Shroud cracking issue.

In the Reference (a) submittal, ComEd requested that the 18.5 month hot operating cycle be extended to 20.5 months to accommodate unplanned events that impacted the operating cycle.

Recently, it has been determined necessary to revise the start date of the Unit 3 Refuel Outage to start approximately one month earlier. As a result of the combination of the revised start and the recent forced outage, ComEd no longer needs the additional time in the operating cycle prior to the installation of the core shroud repair which is scheduled to take place during the next refueling outage (D3R14).

Accordingly, we withdraw the request for the extension to the 18.5 month operating period.

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