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Subject: Request for BWROG EPC II Review of Dresden Emergency Operating  
Procedure Changes

Dear Mr. Hill:

In February, ComEd requested an Amendment to the Technical Specification for Dresden Units 2 & 3 to address issues resulting from reconstitution of the design basis for the containment heat removal system. Credit was taken for use of available containment pressure to provide adequate Net Positive Suction Head (NPSH) for the Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) pumps.

During discussions between the NRC and ComEd, the NRC asked whether Dresden's Emergency Operating Procedures should be revised to change the containment spray termination condition to more closely tie the overpressure requested to ECCS pump NPSH requirements. This would procedurally ensure that higher pressures would be present in containment when needed to maintain NPSH margin.

Based on our review, it was apparent that there was some flexibility with the guidance provided in the EPG/SAG that would permit securing sprays early. Dresden Emergency Operating Procedure 200-01 and Dresden Operating Procedure 1500-03 were revised to provide direction for operating sprays so that containment pressure is maintained within the pressure required for adequate NPSH and the spray initiation pressure. Copies of these procedures are included.

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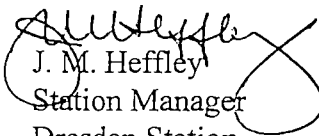
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A commitment was made to the NRC to submit these procedures to the BWROG EPC II committee for review and to request a response regarding these proposed changes by July 1, 1997. ComED is available, at your convenience to provide background on these changes.

If you have any questions concerning this issue please contact Jerry Gates of my staff at (815) 942-2920 extension 2550.

Sincerely,

  
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