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Mr. J. S. Perry
Site Vice President
Dresden Station
Commonwealth Edison Company
6500 North Dresden Road
Morris, IL 60450

SUBJECT: NRC MAINTENANCE TEAM INSPECTION REPORT 50-237;249/97007 AND
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

REFERENCE: NRC LETTER R. J. CANIANO TO T. J. MAIMAN DATED APRIL 5, 1997

Dear Mr. Perry:

This refers to the inspection conducted on April 14 through May 12, 1997, at the Dresden Nuclear facility. At the conclusion of the Dresden Independent Safety Inspection (ISI) conducted last fall, the NRC determined that a followup maintenance team inspection would be required. In order to develop a complete assessment of your maintenance effectiveness, the followup team inspection was conducted during the recent Unit 3 refueling outage. The overall goals and objectives of our inspection activities were outlined in the referenced correspondence.

In general, we found most work tasks observed to be performed well, and our overall conclusion was that maintenance at Dresden was at an acceptable level to support safe plant operations. As noted in the enclosed report there were some areas that require continued management attention to achieve your goal of lasting performance improvements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Six violations of NRC requirements were identified during the team inspection. Four of the six violations have a common theme involving plant workers' failure to follow approved procedures. These violations are of concern because some procedural adherence problems were found in essentially all maintenance disciplines. The remaining two violations relate to performance of a station battery surveillance test. The first violation regarding the station battery test is of concern to the NRC because of the station's historical problems in battery engineering design control, and the past problems with the conduct of routine battery surveillances. The second violation, regarding the station battery test, is of significant concern because the method, used by the engineering support organization and the test director to revise test requirements, bypassed all station procedural controls. This action indicates a fundamental failure to understand the importance of procedural controls.

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Sincerely,

Original signed by
A. Bill Beach
Regional Administrator

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