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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Dresden Nuclear Power Station Unit 3
RPS Condenser Vacuum Switch Potentially Inoperable Due to Improper
Instrument Sensing Line Slope
Licensee Event Report 98-006-00
NRC Docket Number 50-249

The enclosed Licensee Event Report, which is a final report, describes the potential for the Unit 3 'C' Condenser Low Vacuum Scram Switch to be inoperable due to excessive moisture in the instrument sensing line. This condition is being reported pursuant to 10 CFR 50.73(a)(2)(i)(B) which requires the reporting of any operation or condition prohibited by the plant's Technical Specifications.

The following actions were taken:

Operability Determination 98-032 was completed concluding that the pressure switch is in an operable but degraded condition. The switch will perform its intended design function as long as the sensing line is kept clear of excessive moisture. (Complete)

The sensing line was blown down. This will continue in accordance with Operability Determination 98-032 until corrective actions are complete. (Complete)

Each Operating Team has been briefed on the importance of this event and the need to identify abnormal indications. (Complete)

This correspondence contains the following commitment(s):

Straighten 'C' condenser vacuum sensing line so that it is properly sloped. (249-180-98-00601)

Review sensing line slopes for other similar application sensing lines to ensure proper line sloping. (249-180-98-00603 Unit 2; 249-180-98-00604 Unit 3)

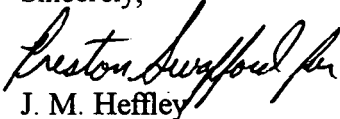
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Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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