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SUBJECT: NRC RADIATION PROTECTION INSPECTION REPORTS 50-237/98020(DRS);
50-249/98020(DRS)

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

On July 17, 1998, the NRC completed an inspection at your Dresden Generating Station, Units 2 and 3. The enclosed report summarizes the results of this inspection.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel. Specifically, the inspection focussed on the solid radioactive waste (radwaste) management and transportation programs, and the audit and assessment program implemented for these areas. No violations of NRC requirements were identified.

Overall, the solid radwaste management and transportation programs were well developed and effectively implemented. Radioactive wastes were processed in accordance with the vendor's Process Control Program (PCP) and were characterized, packaged, and shipped in accordance with regulatory requirements and station procedures. Staff oversight of the solid radwaste management and transportation programs was good, and audits were generally properly focused and were of sufficient scope and depth to assess program performance. However, some problems were identified with the level of detail in the PCP concerning 10 CFR 61 waste characteristic requirements and with the consistency of the PCP, the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report and current onsite waste processing activities. Further, minor problems with certain packaging and transportation procedures were also identified. Your staff acknowledged these problems and were considering corrective actions.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Steven A. Reynolds (for)

John A. Grobe, Director
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