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SUBJECT: NRC DRESDEN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE INSPECTION
REPORT 50-237/99010(DRS); 50-249/99010(DRS)

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

On May 27, 1999, the NRC completed an inspection of an emergency preparedness exercise at your Dresden Nuclear Power Station. The purpose of this inspection was to evaluate the performance of your emergency response organization during the exercise. No violations were identified during the inspection. The enclosed report presents the results of the inspection.

Areas examined during the emergency preparedness exercise are identified in the report. Within those areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observation of performance, and interviews with staff. The objective of the inspection was to determine whether the Dresden Nuclear Power Station Emergency Plan was adequate and if station personnel properly implemented the Emergency Plan in accordance with NRC requirements during the exercise.

Overall exercise performance was very good. Staff performance in the various response facilities ranged from good to excellent. The Emergency Operations Facility (EOF) at Downer's Grove was utilized for the first time in an exercise involving the full participation of the NRC, and EOF staff performance was very good. Self-critiques following termination of the exercise were generally very good. Critique findings were consistent with the NRC evaluation team's findings.

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Sincerely,

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