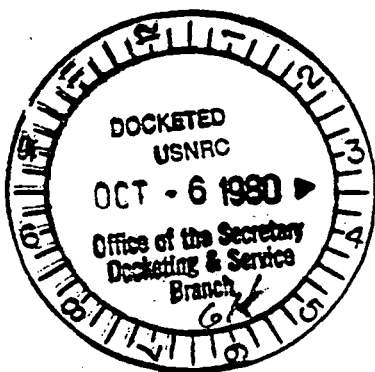


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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of)	
)	
COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY)	Docket Nos. 50-237
)	50-249
(Dresden Station,)	(Spent Fuel Pool Modification)
Units 2 and 3))	

Dear Board Members:

This is to inform you that in the latter part of next week Commonwealth Edison intends to pull an empty rack out of one of the Dresden spent fuel pools to determine how effectively it can be decontaminated using hydro-lasing techniques. The rack will not be carried over stored spent fuel at any time. The degree of decontamination will be helpful in determining how the old racks will be disposed of, and the results may also be relevant to the State of Illinois' occupational exposure contention.

Both the NRC Staff and the State of Illinois have been informed of this development. Neither has expressed any objection, although the State of Illinois has expressed a preference that the NRC resident inspector for Dresden Station observe the operation. Commonwealth Edison will notify the resident inspector, although of course we have no control over his actions.

In light of the absence of any objection from the other parties, the lack of a "heavy drop" contention in this proceeding, and this Board's previous disposition of a similar issue involving pulling a rack out of the Zion spent fuel pool to check for corrosion damage, Commonwealth Edison

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believes it unnecessary to initiate a conference call to ask for the Board's formal permission to pull the Dresden rack out of the pool. However, if the Board has any concern about this please let me know on Monday or Tuesday of next week and the Company will not pull the rack out until those concerns are resolved.

In an unrelated matter, Commonwealth Edison has read the NRC Staff's brief dated September 26, 1980 regarding applicability of the Commission's policy statement and agrees with the NRC Staff that the "five factors" need not be considered in this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip P. Steptoe". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Philip P. Steptoe

cc: Service List