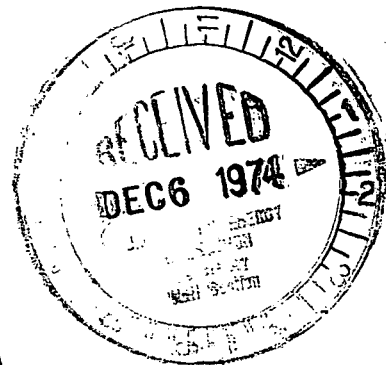




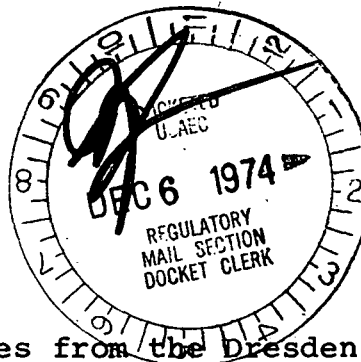
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Subject: Removal of Baffles from the Dresden
 Unit 2 Torus, AEC Dkt No. 50-237

Dear Mr. Ziemann:

In a letter to you dated July 16, 1973, the schedule for removal of the torus baffles from Dresden Unit 2 was indicated to be the 1974 refueling outage. A letter dated November 27, 1972, provided a safety evaluation which justified continued operation with the baffles in place until the refueling outage.

A recent review of the torus baffle removal project indicated that it would be advantageous to reschedule the baffle removal to the 1975 refueling outage. This rescheduling allows removal of the baffles from the torus and installation of safety/relief valve discharge piping in the torus during the same outage. The safety/relief valve piping project was discussed in Dresden Station Special Report No. 18 Supplement C dated April 10, 1974. The anticipated advantage of accomplishing both projects during the same outages was the elimination of one torus coating repair operation. Both projects involve extensive work in the torus, and accomplishing the projects separately was expected to result in two significant torus coating repair operations. Additionally, all the torus baffle steel will not have to be cut in pieces and removed from the torus because some of the steel can be used to support the safety/relief discharge piping. For these reasons, removal of the Dresden Unit 2 torus baffles was rescheduled to the 1975 refueling outage.

It now appears that some torus coating maintenance will be required during the current (1974) outage; therefore, a portion of the baffles may be removed during the current outage. The extent of removal will be contingent on the ability to interface with other outage work in progress.

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Operating another cycle before removing the baffles is justified by the fact that there have been only three Electromatic Relief Valve discharges to the torus since December 31, 1972. All were done as part of the surveillance during HPCI outages. The specifics of the two discharges are described in Attachment I. The safety evaluation provided in the November 27, 1972, letter is still applicable since none of the parameters in that safety evaluation have changed. As an added measure of insurance, the torus baffles will be inspected during the present outage to verify that the baffles are structurally sound. If any abnormalities are discovered during the inspection, appropriate notification will be made.

Very truly yours,



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Att.

Attachment I

Operating history of Electromatic Relief Valves for Dresden
Unit 2 from 1/1/73 to 11/25/74.

1/1/73 - 12/31/73

8/16/73 - "A", "B", "C", "D", "E" manually initiated for
surveillance to take HPCI out of service.

11/22/73 - "A", "B", "C", "D", "E" manually initiated for
surveillance to take HPCI out of service.

1/1/74 - 11/20/74

8/1/74 - "A", "B", "C", "D", "E" manually initiated for
surveillance to take HPCI out of service.