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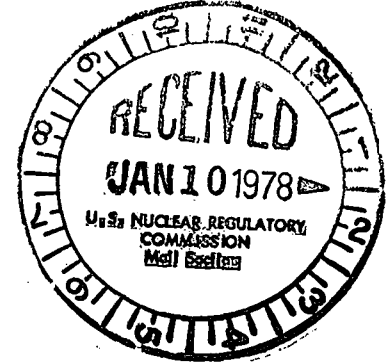
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December 28, 1977

Mr. Richard C. Knop, Chief
Reactor Projects Section No. 1
Reactor Operations and Nuclear
Support Branch - Region III
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137



Subject: Emergency Diesel Generators
Dresden Station

Dear Mr. Knop:

At approximately 0845 hours on December 28, 1977, it was discovered that both the Dresden 3 and 2/3 emergency diesel generators were electrically disabled. This condition took away all emergency diesel generator capabilities to Unit 3. An immediate investigation indicated that an operating error had been made at 0545 hours of the same day when the equipment outage was hung in anticipation of taking the 2/3 diesel generator out of service for routine monthly inspection. The error was corrected at 0905 hours.

As part of the investigation, an immediate corrective action was proposed to preclude similar problems. This corrective action consists of two items:

1. An operating order will be issued today (12/28/77) requiring a second individual to independently verify that equipment is taken in and out of service correctly. This order will only apply to safety-related equipment and will include valve and electrical operations. This operating order will serve as a temporary measure until item 2 has been concluded and the results of that Task Force implemented.
2. A blue-ribbon Task Force which has already been formed will review the incident and make recommendations to Company management to preclude similar problems. This Task Force intends to have its first meeting at Dresden Station at 1330 hours on December 29, 1977.

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The Task Force will consist of the following personnel:

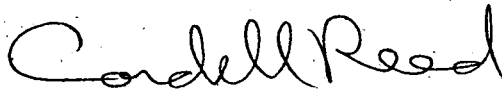
Frank Palmer (Chairman), Manager of Nuclear Stations Division
Cy Young, Compliance Administrator
Tom Cihlar, Station Electrical Engineering Dept. Manager
Wayne Stiede, Station Nuclear Engineering Dept. Manager
Doug Scott (Dresden SRO), Assistant Supt. of Braidwood Station
Dresden Station Union Representative

In addition, a meeting will be held by Station management at 1600 hours on December 28, 1977, with the Day Shift senior reactor operators, center desk nuclear station operator, and union steward, to discuss the seriousness of the diesel generator event and to inform the personnel of the new operating order. A similar meeting will be held at 1700 hours with the night shift personnel. This meeting will include personnel involved in the event and will determine the specifics surrounding it in addition to the items discussed in the previous meeting.

This immediate and thorough investigation and corrective action plan should indicate our serious concerns surrounding this and similar events. Our intention is to generate a comprehensive plan which will preclude this type of occurrence which has occurred recently at the station.

Please direct any additional questions on this matter to this office.

Very truly yours,



Cordell Reed
Assistant Vice President

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