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August 1, 1972

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Mr. Edward J. Bloch, Acting Director
 Directorate of Licensing
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 Washington, D.C. 20545



Subject: License DPR-19, Dresden Nuclear Power Station,
Unit #2, Section 3.8.A.1 of the Technical Specifications

Dear Mr. Bloch:

This is to report a condition relating to the operation of the station in which the plant chimney monitoring system sample pump was found to be tripped, contrary to the requirements of section 3.8 of the Technical Specifications.

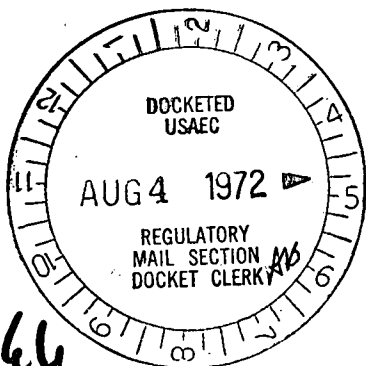
PROBLEM AND INVESTIGATION

At approximately 0900 hrs. on July 26, 1972, the operator, while scanning annunciators noted the "Stack Gas Sample Flow/Press Abnormal" annunciator in an alarm condition. An operator was sent to check the sampling system. The sample pump was found in a tripped condition. The spare sample pump was placed in operation and the system was restored to normal by 0940 hrs.

An investigation indicated that the pump tripped at approximately 0130 hours, July 26, 1972. It appears that the abnormal alarm came up at this time or shortly before, and no action was taken. During this period both off gas monitors on each unit were operable and recording. The recorders show no unexplained or abnormal change in activity during this period.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

This situation has been discussed with all persons involved and the importance of this alarm has been emphasized. An additional general re-emphasis was placed in the Station Daily Order Book. We are evaluating the need



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for use of additional procedural controls to insure prompt response to "annunciator alarms".

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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