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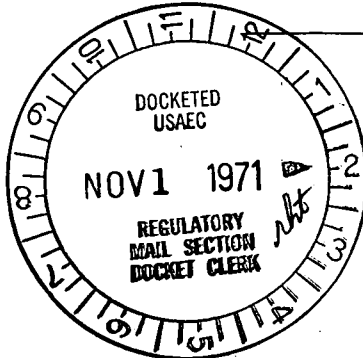
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Dresden Nuclear Power Station  
R. R. #1  
Morris, Illinois 60450  
October 28, 1971

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Dr. Peter A. Morris, Director  
Division of Reactor Licensing  
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20545



SUBJECT: LICENSE DPR-19, DRESDEN NUCLEAR POWER STATION UNIT #2, SECTION 6.6.A.3 OF THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS.

Dear Dr. Morris:

This is to report a condition relating to the operation of the Station from 1800 October 20, 1971, to 0930 October 21, 1971, when secondary containment integrity, as defined in the Technical Specifications, was not in effect as per the Technical Specifications, section 3.7.C.1.

## Problem and Investigation

The Unit #2 Reactor was in the "run" mode, operating at 496 MWe on October 20, 1971 and Unit #3 was in "cold shutdown". Maintenance was to be performed on a leaking HPCI testable check valve in the Unit #3 main steam line room. The main steam line room is part of the combined secondary containment for Units #2 and #3. Water from the leaking valve shorted out the electrical circuit in this room. Because no power was available within the room, an electrical extension cord was brought into the area by opening both interlocked access doors. This action was contrary to instructions posted on the doors stating:

"Secondary Containment Interlocked Doors - Shift Engineer's Permission Needed To Open More Than One At A Time."

The integrity of the secondary containment was restored at 0930 October 21, 1971, immediately after Commonwealth Edison station management was informed of the situation.

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Corrective Action

The requirements for combined secondary containment have been re-emphasized with the personnel of the department responsible for the action.

Sincerely,

*H. K. Hoyt wpu*

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Superintendent

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