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Mr. H. K. Hoyt, Superintendent
Dresden Nuclear Power Station
R. R. #1
Morris, Illinois 60450

Dear Mr. Hoyt:

This letter concerns the activities of licensed operators and senior operators at the Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2, particularly with regard to the resumption of operation following the current outage.

The current operator and senior operator licenses held by members of your staff are based upon the results of examinations administered pursuant to Sections 55.20 through 55.23 of 10 CFR Part 55. As indicated in Section 55.20, the examinations are to test the applicant's understanding of the facility design and familiarity with the controls and the operating procedures of the facility.

Our review of your submittal, Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2 - Special Report of Incident of June 5, 1970, indicates that substantial changes will be made in instrumentation, safety related instrument set points, and emergency operating procedures.

These changes are cause for reconsideration of whether our prior evaluations of the competence of licensed operators and senior operators are still valid. A further cause for reconsideration is the apparent scope of authority that Commonwealth Edison has delegated to the shift personnel to cope with emergency conditions which now appears broader than we had understood at the time we conducted their examinations.

In order to assist us in this evaluation, including determination of whether reexamination by the Commission will be necessary, we request you to (a) provide us with a description of any retraining given, or proposed, to licensed operators and senior operators; (b) submit a listing of any changes in the facility including instrumentation and

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safety related set points and copies of the revised procedures; and
(c) submit a statement detailing the responsibilities and authorities
delegated to shift foremen and engineers who possess senior licenses,
including the type of procedural changes they may institute without
consulting with higher supervision.

We request that the above information be submitted in accordance with
Section 55.10(b) so that we may make our evaluation and take any action,
pursuant to Section 55.31(e), if necessary, prior to the resumption of
operation.

Sincerely yours,

Paul F. Collins, Chief
Operator Licensing Branch
Division of Reactor Licensing

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