Docket No. 50-249

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Honorable Melvin R. Laird Secretary of Defense

Attention: Assistant Secretary for Health and Environment

Dear Mr. Laird:

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In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's Interim Guidelines and the Commission's revised statement of policy on implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, I am pleased to provide you with a copy of a letter dated July 24, 1970 from the Commonwealth Edison Company. The letter transmits environmental information relating to the Dresden Nuclear Power Station Unit 3.

Comments are requested within thirty days either concerning those matters over which your agency has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved in the proposed operation of the Dresden Unit 3 facility, or relating to matters on which your agency is authorized to develop and enforce environmental standards. If no comments are received within the thirty-day period, it will be presumed that your agency has no comments to make. As provided in paragraph 7(b) of the Council's Interim Guidelines, comments are not requested with respect to water quality aspects of the proposed action since Commonwealth Edison Company will have to obtain a water quality certification in accordance with the provisions of the Water Quality Improvement Act of 1970.

After we have received the comments of the various Federal, State, and local agencies, we will prepare a detailed environmental statement, which, together with agency comments, will be forwarded to the Council and the agencies concerned. Copies of the statement will be made available to the public and will accompany the application through the Commission's review process.

Sincerely,

(signed) Harold L. Price

Harold L. Price Director of Regulation

Enclosure:

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