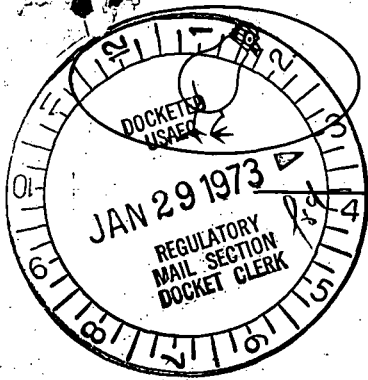


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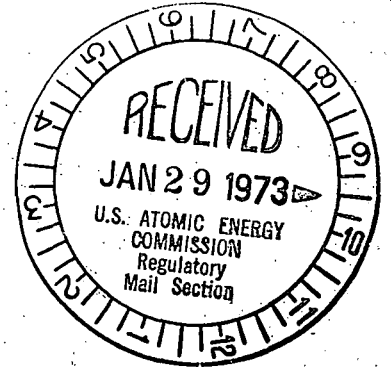
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Subject: Dresden Units 2 and 3 Torus Ring Header
Analyses, AEC Dkts 50-237 and 50-249

Dear Mr. Skovholt:

Your letter of December 13, 1972, requested that the torus ring header system at Dresden Units 2 and 3 be reviewed and analyses be performed to answer the five questions which were a part of your letter. This letter presents the status of our review of these five questions.

Subsequent to the incident at Quad-Cities, Dresden Station began an investigation of Dresden Units 2 and 3 for this problem. The program and partial results were reported to Region III, Regulatory Operations, on July 5, 1972. That program was completed and several variations to the program, including the installation of larger straps and bolts, have been instituted. The revised program has been completed on Unit 2 and will be completed on Unit 3 during the refueling outage scheduled for spring of 1973.

Analyses responding to the first three questions are presently being performed by the General Electric Company, based on testing performed at the Quad-Cities Station in October, 1972. Members of the AEC Task Force on the torus hanger problem reviewed the status of this program with General Electric on December 19, 1972 at San Jose, California.

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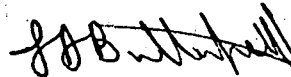
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The report of the program, due to be released by General Electric in March, 1973, will contain dynamic and static analyses required to confirm the adequacy of the current designs or indicate required changes. It is believed, at this time, that the design of the present torus ring header structure is adequate.

The last two items will not be addressed until the General Electric report on the first three items is available.

Therefore, a response to your letter containing the five questions will be submitted by May 1, 1973, assuming that General Electric completes their analyses on schedule. One signed original and 39 copies of this letter are provided for your use.

Very truly yours,



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