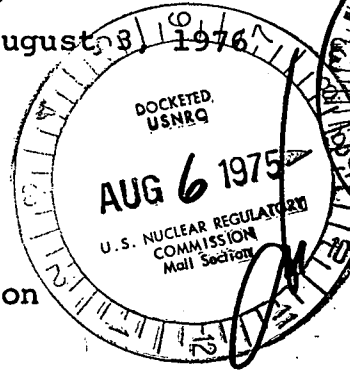




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**Subject: Dresden Station Unit 3 Primary Containment
 Integrated Leak Rate Test Schedule
 NRC Docket No. 50-249**

Dear Mr. Ziemann:

As required by Title 10 CFR Part 50 Appendix J, Section III.A.6.a, the following Dresden Unit 3 integrated primary containment leak rate test (IPCLRT) schedule is submitted for your approval.

Pre Op	August 1970	Completed
First Test	June 1974	Completed
Second Test	May 1978	Proposed
Third Test	1980	Proposed

The proposed schedule is in accordance with the Technical Specification Section 4.7.A.2.d and Appendix J Section III.D.1.a.

Office of Inspection and Enforcement Region III has implied in a recent Dresden Unit 2 Inspection Report No. 50-237/76-12 that the "as found" test results are the bases for applying 10 CFR 50 Appendix J, Section III.6.a. This test schedule is submitted for your approval on that basis; however, this interpretation of the regulation is questioned. Clarification of the regulation will be pursued separately with you.

The two Type A IPCLRT conducted have shown close agreement and no unexplained containment leakage increases have been experienced. The major leakage source has been the feedwater check valves. These valves are tested each refueling outage as are all Type C penetrations. Since the feedwater check valves will be tested each refueling outage and no significant unidentified integrated leakage increases have been experienced, the Type A IPCLRT frequency should remain three times in ten years.

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Two additional factors support continuing on the proposed IPCLRT schedule. Quad-Cities Unit 2 is planning an IPCLRT at the same time as the Dresden Unit 3 outage and there is only one data acquisition system. It is anticipated that the long term Mark I containment evaluation program will result in containment modifications in the late 1970's. These modifications may require performance of an IPCLRT.

The IPCLRT will cost .75 to 1.0 million dollars in additional outage time alone.

Your approval of the proposed schedule is requested as soon as possible. A revision to the schedule will require adequate lead time to revise our outage schedules.

One (1) signed original and 39 copies are provided for your use.

Please address any additional questions to this office.

Very truly yours,



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