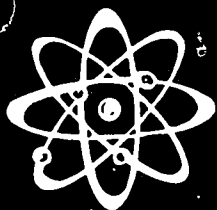


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AEC REGULATORY STAFF MAKES EVALUATION
OF PROPOSED DRESDEN REACTOR

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The Atomic Energy Commission is making available to the public copies of an evaluation prepared by its Regulatory Staff concerning the safety aspects of the proposed Dresden Unit No. 3 reactor near Morris, Illinois.

Commonwealth Edison Company has applied to the AEC for a permit to build a third nuclear power reactor at its Dresden site. The proposed 715,000 electrical kilowatt boiling water reactor would be adjacent to the Dresden No. 1 reactor now being operated by the company and to Dresden No. 2, now under construction. A public hearing will be held September 27 at Morris to consider the application. The AEC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards reported on the project in its letter of August 16.

In its safety evaluation, the AEC Regulatory Staff concludes that there is reasonable assurance that the proposed reactor can be constructed and operated without endangering the health and safety of the public. Copies of the evaluation are available for inspection in the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and may be obtained by writing to the Director, Division of Reactor Licensing, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C. 20545.

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