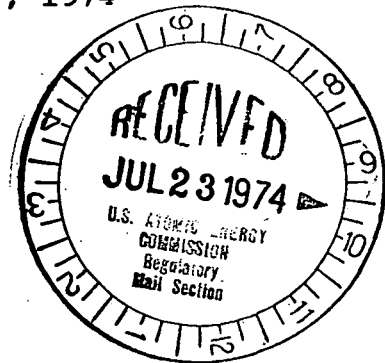
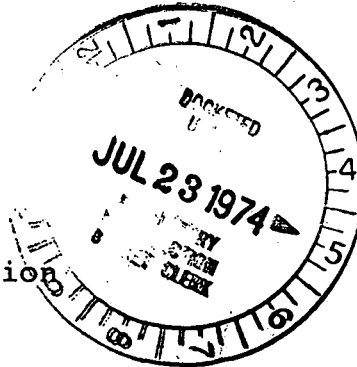




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Subject: Dresden Unit 3 Inverted Control Rod Tubes,
AEC Dkt 50-249

Dear Mr. Goller:

As indicated in a letter to D. J. Skovholt dated October 11, 1973 concerning this subject, the control blades at Dresden Unit 3 were checked for inverted tubes during the spring 1974 refueling outage. The attached report, entitled "Control Blade Inspection and Evaluation," summarizes the checks performed and the results. On the basis of the results and evaluations discussed in the attached report, all special requirements and testing discussed in letters to D. J. Skovholt dated October 11 and 31, 1973 relative to inverted control blade tubes have been discontinued for Dresden Unit 3.

Your approval is requested to discontinue at Dresden Unit 3 the three (3) actions required in the letter from D. J. Skovholt dated April 1, 1974. As discussed on Page 4-2 of the attached report, the effects of the remaining inverted control rod tubes are negligible relative to (1) rod drop accidents, (2) pressurization transients, and (3) accuracy of predicted shutdown margins. The requirements of the April 1, 1974 letter will be met until approval to discontinue is received.

One (1) signed original and 39 copies of this report are submitted for your review.

Very truly yours,

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