



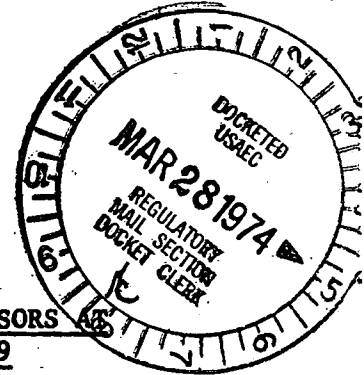
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Dresden Nuclear Power Station
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 Morris, Illinois 60450
 March 25, 1974

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Mr. J. F. O'Leary, Director
 Directorate of Licensing
 U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
 Washington, D. C. 20545

**SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF BERGEN-PATERSON HYDRAULIC SHOCK SUPPRESSORS
DRESDEN NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT #3, AEC DKT 50-249**

- References: 1) Letter from Mr. D. J. Skovholt to Mr. J. S. Abel dated October 1, 1973.
- 2) Letter from Mr. W. P. Worden to Mr. A. Giambusso dated August 16, 1973.

Dear Mr. O'Leary:

This letter is to report information concerning the station's fourth inspection of Bergen-Paterson hydraulic shock suppressors on Unit 3. The unit was shutdown on March 11, 1974, 47 days after the previous snubber inspection. Because the unit was to be shutdown for greater than 24 hours, a snubber inspection was performed as required by Reference (1).

The inspection revealed that 40 Bergen-Paterson snubbers on Unit 3 were operable, and exhibited overall integrity. There were three snubbers in the drywell (I.D.#19, 22 and 23) that had no oil level indication on the snubber accumulator. Six of the operable snubbers had low oil level indication on the snubber accumulator, but the oil level was not low enough to consider them inoperable. The attached list provides the I.D. numbers, the piston extension, and the fluid level indicated position for the inoperable snubbers and those snubbers that exhibited low oil level.

Current plans call for overhauling all of the Bergen-Paterson snubbers in the Unit 3 drywell during the present refueling outage. These plans include replacing all existing seals in the drywell snubbers with ethylene-propylene seals. A followup letter, detailing snubber related activities during the current refueling outage, will be submitted prior to resuming power operation of Dresden Unit #3.

Sincerely,

B. B. Stephenson

UNIT #3

March 17, 1974

<u>Dresden Snubber I.D. No.</u>	<u>Main Piston Rod Extension(in.)</u>	<u>Fluid Level Indicated Position(in.)</u>
8	3 inches	5 inches
9	2 inches	5 inches
19	3½ inches	No fluid, indicated empty
21	2½ inches	5 inches
22	5 inches	No fluid, indicated empty
23	2½ inches	No fluid, indicated empty
24	2½ inches	4½ inches
27	3½ inches	5 inches
28	2½ inches	6 inches