



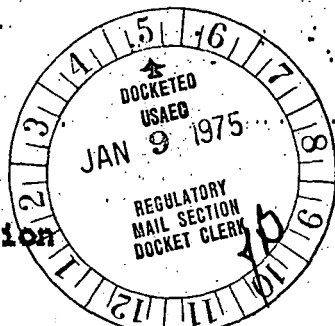
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Mr. Edson G. Case
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 Office of Regulation
 U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
 Washington, D.C. 20545



Subject: Dresden Station Unit 3, Quad-Cities Station Unit 1, Recirculation Piping Repair Program, AEC Dkt 50-249 and 50-254.

Dear Mr. Case:

As discussed in my letter to you dated December 27, 1974, Quad-Cities Unit 1 and Dresden Unit 3 will be removed from service January 10, 1975 and January 17, 1975 respectively to inspect four-(4) inch diameter reactor water recirculation pump discharge valve bypass piping. If as a result of these inspections it is necessary, at the time, to replace the piping between the four-inch bypass valve and the 4 x 28 inch weld-o-let on the discharge side of the pump discharge valve, it is planned to use the repair program described in a submittal dated September 18, 1974 for Dresden Unit 2 (AEC Dkt 50-237) and approved in Amendment No. 3 to DPR-19 dated September 27, 1974.

The repair program described in the referenced submittal is essentially a maintenance procedure. No Technical Specification changes are involved and 10CFR50.59 does not cover the question clearly. However, Commonwealth Edison believes the spirit of 10CFR50.59 suggests that matters such as this one should be brought to the attention of the AEC in a timely manner for review by the Staff. We expect that the review will confirm Commonwealth Edison's judgment that no real consideration of increased risk is involved. Use of the proposed repair program at Dresden Unit 3 and Quad-Cities Unit 1 will be withheld pending your approval.

Both the Onsite and Offsite Review functions for Dresden and Quad-Cities Stations have approved this submittal.

One signed original and 59 copies are submitted for your review.

Very truly yours,

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 Nuclear Licensing Administrator
 Boiling Water Reactors