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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

Docket No. 50-10

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Ms. Cecile Meyer 739 Hillcrest Drive DeKalb, Illinois 60115

Dear Ms. Meyer:

This is in response to your letter dated July 18, 1979, to Dr. Hendrie which requested that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be prepared prior to the chemical decontamination of Dresden Nuclear Power Station Unit No. 1. We are currently reviewing the need for such an impact statement for the decontamination as a result of a petition by Mrs. Kay Drey dated March 10, 1979.

A copy of our response to Mrs. Drey and the related Federal Register notice are enclosed for your information. Please be assured that the Dresden decontamination will not start until the need for an Environmental Impact Statement is resolved.

With respect to your question concerning the effects of the flushing solution, the chemical cleaning solution will be solidified into a vinyl ester plastic resin and buried in a commercial low level waste burial site. The site will be chosen to preclude interaction between the solidified buried waste and ground water.

We will provide you with copies of our decision on this latter when we have completed our review.

Sincerely,

Original signed by E. G. Case

Harold R. Denton, Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosures: As stated

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Ms. Kay Drey 515 Mest Point Avenue University City, Missouri 63130

Dear Ms. Drey:

This letter is sent to acknowledge receipt of your petition dated March 10 1979, asking that an Environmental Impact Statement be prepared on the proposed decontamination experiments at Dresden Nuclear Power Station. Unit 1, designed to flush radioactive corrosion products from portions of the facility's piping. Your request is being treated under the procedures specified in 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations and accordingly, we will inform you of our decision on your request within a reasonable time. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the notice regarding your request that will be filed for publication with the Office of the Federal Register.

Sincerely.

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Original Signed By Roger S. Boyd W Harold R. Denton Director Office of Nuclear Peactor Regulation

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Enclosure

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY) (Dresden Nuclear Power Station,) Unit])

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REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Notice is hereby given that by petition of March 19, 1979, addressed to the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, among others, Kay Drey of University City, Missouri, requested that an Environmental Impact Statement be prepared on the proposed decontamination experiments at the Dresden Nuclear Power Station, located in Grundy County, Illinois, which are designed to flush radioactive corrosion products from portions of the facility's piping. The petition is being treated as a request for action under 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations, and accordingly, action will be taken on the petition within a reasonable time.

A copy of the request is available for inspection in the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20555, and at the local public document room for the Dresden Nuclear Power Station, located at Morris Public Library, 604 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois 60451.

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FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Roger S. Boyd, Acting Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 9th day of April, 1979.

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