

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
HAROLD R. DENTON, DIRECTOR

In the Matter of

COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY
(Dresden Nuclear Power Station
Unit No. 1)

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Docket No. 50-10

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF DIRECTOR'S DECISION UNDER 10 CFR 2.206

On April 16, 1979, notice was published in the Federal Register (44 FR 22529) that Ms. Kay Drey had requested by petition dated March 19, 1979, that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on Commonwealth Edison Company's proposed chemical decontamination of its Dresden Nuclear Power Station Unit No. 1. The Director has treated this request as a request for action under 10 CFR 2.206.

By petition dated September 20, 1979, Ms. Marilyn Shineflug, on behalf of the Illinois Safe Energy Alliance, requested public hearings on the decontamination based on the the lack of assurance that the NRC would issue an environmental impact statement. Notice of receipt of the petition was published in the Federal Register November 7, 1979 (44 FR 64577). By petition dated March 13, 1980, Mr. Robert Goldsmith, on behalf of Citizens for Better Environment and Prairie Alliance supported Ms. Drey's petition requesting the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

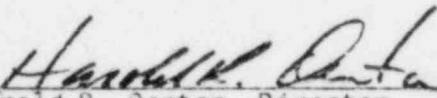
Although the results of the Commission's staff review indicate that the chemical decontamination proposed for Dresden 1 will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment, I have concluded that an environmental

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impact statement should be prepared because of significant interest and concern expressed by members of the public. The staff has by separate action issued a Draft Environmental Statement. The requests of Ms. Drey and Mr. Goldsmith are, therefore, granted. The public hearings requested by Ms. Shineflug were predicated on the lack of assurance that the NRC would issue an environmental impact statement. Since the NRC has issued the statement, such hearings will not be necessary.

Copies of the Director's Decision, and the staff's response to the petition (Appendix A) enclosed thereto are available for inspection in the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20555 and at the Morris Public Library, 604 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois 60451. The Draft Environmental Statement may be examined in these locations. A copy of the decision and Appendix A will also be filed with the the Secretary for the Commission's review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206(c) of the Commission's regulations.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.206(c) of the Commission's regulations the decision will constitute the final action of the Commission twenty (20) days after the date of issuance, unless the Commission on its own motion institutes a review of this decision within that time.



Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland
this 26th day of June 1980