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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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Docket No. 50-10  
Docket No. 50-237  
Docket No. 50-249

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspections conducted by Mr. F. A. Maura on April 7, 1976, and Mr. W. D. Shafer on April 7-9, and 13, 1976, of activities at Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Units 1, 2 and 3, authorized by NRC Operating Licenses No. DPR-2, No. DPR-19 and No. DPR-25 and to the discussion of our findings with Messrs. Stephenson, Roberts and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspections.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within the areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in noncompliance with NRC requirements, as described under Enforcement Items in the Summary of Findings section of the enclosed inspection report.

This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office within twenty days of your receipt of this notice a written statement or explanation in reply, including for each item of noncompliance: (1) corrective action taken and the results achieved; (2) corrective action to be taken to avoid further noncompliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

As you are aware, on August 28, 1975, the NRC issued a civil penalty to the Commonwealth Edison Company as a result of series of control blade mismanipulations that occurred at several of its nuclear plants. Based on the control blade misoperation that occurred at Dresden, Unit 1, on March 23,



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1976, it is apparent that corrective efforts are still warranted to preclude future events of this type. An additional inspection finding related to control blade operations also revealed through the observation by our inspector, a deficiency in a control blade checking procedure. Your response to this communication should be sufficiently comprehensive to include your planned actions with respect to assurance that operators and supervision impart the necessary attention and overview required for the proper execution of this important operation.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this notice, the enclosed inspection report, and your response to this notice will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room, except as follows. If this report contains information that you or your contractors believe to be proprietary, you must apply in writing to this office, within twenty days of your receipt of this notice, to withhold such information from public disclosure. The application must include a full statement of the reasons for which the information is considered proprietary, and should be prepared so that proprietary information identified in the application is contained in an enclosure to the application.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely yours,

James G. Keppler  
Regional Director

Enclosure:  
IE Inspection Reports  
No. 050-010/76-07,  
No. 050-237/76-07  
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