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Darrell G. Eisenhut
Director
Division of Licensing
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

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Re: Docket No. 50-10

Dear Mr. Eisenhut:

On July 8, 1980, Citizens for a Better Environment and several other citizens and citizen groups petitioned the NRC for a public hearing on the Environmental Impact Statement and license amendments for the chemical decontamination of the Dresden 1 plant. To date there has been no decision on this petition, only an Order by the Commission requesting answers to several questions. All parties' responses to that Order have been in the Commission's hands for over two months.

In light of this apparent hold on our petition, we have several questions to which we would appreciate a response.

1. Has Commonwealth Edison Company decided to postpone the actual flushing of the primary piping at Dresden 1 for a period of time? If so, when does the Company plan to decontaminate the plant?
2. Does Edison still plan to use the Dow solvent and the decontamination procedures discussed in the Environmental Impact Statement? If not, what are the current plans?
3. Since the NRC has appealed the Sholly decision to the U.S. Supreme Court, will a decision on our petition be delayed until this case is finally decided?
4. Is the NRC attempting to persuade Congress to amend section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act to delete the mandatory requirement for public hearings on all license amendments? If so, will this delay a decision on our petition until Congress decides?

We would appreciate answers to these questions as soon as possible.

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Sincerely,

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