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Facility: Commonwealth Edison Company
Dresden Unit 2
Docket No. 50-237
Morris, IL 60450

Licensee Emergency Classification:
____ Notification of Unusual Event
____ Alert
____ Site Area Emergency
____ General Emergency
____ XX Not Applicable

Subject: CRACK INDICATION IN TORUS BEAM WELD

A crack indication in a weld between the torus wall and a catwalk support beam was identified during magnetic particle testing. The licensee reported the finding February 4, 1983, to the Resident Inspector.

The unit has been shut down for refueling since January 18, 1983. The crack was identified during Mark 1 containment modifications. Weld overlays were being applied to the beam-to-torus weld, and the crack was identified during the overlay procedure. The indication appears as one or two cracks 1 to 2 inches long. It is located about 1 foot below the water line.

The licensee is evaluating the crack indication. Region III (Chicago) and the resident inspectors will monitor the licensee's corrective actions.

Neither the licensee nor Region III plan to issue a news announcement.

The State of Illinois will be notified.

The crack indication was reported to the resident inspector on February 4, 1983. Additional information was obtained February 7, 1983. This information is current as of 9 a.m., (CSI), February 7, 1983.

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