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Facility: Commonwealth Edison Company  
Dresden Nuclear Station Unit 3  
Morris, IL 60450  
Docket No. 50-249

Licensee Emergency Classification:  
       Notification of an Unusual Event  
       Alert  
       Site Area Emergency  
       General Emergency  
xxx Not Applicable

Subject: UNIT 3 SHUTDOWN FOR REFUELING AND PIPE TESTING

At approximately 9 p.m. (CDT) on September 30, 1983, Unit 3 was shut down for a scheduled refueling outage.

In accordance with an NRC order, the licensee is expected to conduct ultrasonic testing of large diameter stainless steel pipe in the drywell. This inspection is expected to continue for sixteen weeks.

There has been no news media interest in the shutdown and planned testing activities. Region III (Chicago) will respond to any inquiries.

The State of Illinois will be notified.

Region III was notified of the shutdown activities at 8 a.m. (CDT), September 30, 1983, by the senior resident inspector. This information is current as of 2 p.m. (CDT) October 5, 1983.

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