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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-456/98011(DRS)

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

On August 28, 1998, the NRC completed an inspection at your Braidwood Generating Station, Unit 1. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to the engineering and maintenance activities for the replacement of the steam generators for compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress. Specifically, the inspection focused on your construction activities in preparation for the steam generator replacement.

Based on the results of the inspection, no violations were identified. Overall, your staff properly implemented the special process procedures and work instructions. Procedure and preparation improvements were implemented from lessons learned at Byron. This was particularly evident in the tendon work preparation, the welding of the feedwater piping elbows to the steam generator nozzles, and the shop fabrication welding. These improvements demonstrated a dedication to assure the highest quality product which enhances the safety culture and plant reliability.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC'S "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

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

Sincerely,

Original /s/ S. A. Reynolds for
John A. Grobe, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

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