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SUBJECT: BRAIDWOOD INSPECTION REPORT 50-456/98012(DRP);  
50-457/98012(DRP)

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

On September 8, 1998, the NRC completed an inspection at your Braidwood Units 1 and 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection. During the six-week period covered by this inspection period, your conduct of activities was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations, sound engineering and maintenance practices, and careful radiological protection controls.

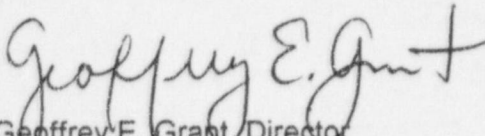
One non-cited violation is discussed in this report. This violation addresses your identification that on one occasion for 42 seconds no senior reactor operator was present in the control room with both units in operation which is a failure to meet Technical Specification manning requirements.

Several material condition problems directly affected plant operations during this inspection period. Most failures involved nonsafety-related equipment but occurred during evolutions such as a feedwater pump swap, reactor shutdown, and a loss of offsite power. These equipment failures did not have a profound impact but did complicate the evolutions.

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Sincerely,



Geoffrey E. Grant, Director  
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