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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-237/99016(DRP); 50-249/99016(DRP)

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

From August 13, 1999, to September 28, 1999, the NRC performed an inspection at your Dresden Nuclear Power Stations with the support of the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety Resident Engineer. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Overall, performance was adequate. Safety-related equipment performed correctly during surveillance testing. However, plant material condition and some maintenance issues demonstrated that challenges to smooth operation remained at the station. For example, a train of containment cooling service water was made inoperable on both due to past maintenance errors. This simultaneously placed both units in a 7-day shutdown technical specification limiting condition for operation. Other maintenance errors may have caused an unplanned single-rod scram during surveillance testing.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

/s/Mark Ring

Mark Ring, Chief
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