

November 16, 1999

Mr. D. R. Gipson
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The Detroit Edison Company
6400 North Dixie Highway
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SUBJECT: FERMINSPECTION REPORT 50-341/99014(DRP)

Dear Mr. Gipson:

This refers to the inspection conducted on September 9 through October 20, 1999, at the Fermi 2 Facility. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

During this inspection period, we noted an increase in the occurrence of potential age-related equipment problems that included: 1) a failed capacitor in a reactor recirculation pump speed control circuit that caused a plant transient, 2) failed capacitors in temperature switches for the high pressure coolant injection and reactor core isolation cooling systems, and 3) leaking discharge check valves in both divisions of the emergency equipment cooling water systems. Even though these problems challenged your organization, short term corrective actions were appropriate and effective. In addition, we understand that long term corrective actions, including reassessment of the adequacy of related preventative maintenance activities, are being developed.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure, and your response, if you choose to provide one, will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

/s/Anton Vogel

Anton Vogel, Chief
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