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Subject: Dresden Station Units 2 and 3  
Response to I.E. Bulletin 80-13  
"Cracking in Core Spray Spargers"  
NRC Docket No. 50-237/249

- Reference (a): J. G. Keppler letter to Cordell  
Reed dated May 12, 1980.
- (b): T. J. Rausch letter to J. G. Keppler  
dated January 23, 1981.
- (c): E. D. Swartz letter to J. G. Keppler  
dated May 4, 1982.
- (d): E. D. Swartz letter to J. G. Keppler  
dated October 28, 1982.

Dear Mr. Keppler:

Reference (a) transmitted I.E. Bulletin 80-13, which identified instances of cracking in Core Spray Spargers at BWR facilities. On January 19, 1983, we conducted an inspection of both the upper and lower core spray spargers on our Dresden Unit 2. No abnormalities were noted.

This Unit 2 inspection completes the third inspection of Core Spray Spargers at our Dresden Nuclear Station (previous inspections were Unit 2-1981, Unit 3-1982). No evidence of cracking was identified during the conduct of the above described inspections. Due to favorable results, and the fact that one day of critical path time in the refueling outage schedule is required to perform each inspection, it is our belief that the frequency of these inspections should be reduced.

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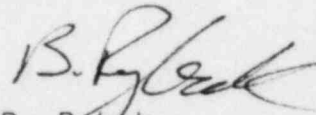
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It is Commonwealth Edison's request that the Core Spray Sparger inspection program be performed every three (3) years in conjunction with the reactor vessel internal inspection required by our ISI program (ASME Section XI) in lieu of I.E. Bulletin 80-13. We have made a similar request for relief for Quad Cities Station Units 1 and 2 (Reference (d)). We would like a written response accepting or rejecting this request.

Please address any questions you may have concerning this matter to this office.

Very truly yours,



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