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Subject: Dresden Units 2 and 3
Response to I.E. Bulletin 84-01
NRC Docket No. 50-237 and 50-249

Dear Mr. Keppler:

The subject Bulletin requested specific actions to be taken for BWR units with Mark I containments which are currently in shutdown. Dresden Unit 3 is currently in a refueling outage and has complied with the required inspection. No cracks were found during the visual inspection. The results of the inspection is detailed in the Attachment to this letter.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements contained in the Attachment are true and correct. In some respects, these statements are not based on my personal knowledge but upon information furnished by other Commonwealth Edison employees, consultants and contractors. Such information has been reviewed in accordance with Company practice and I believe it to be reliable.

Please address any questions that you or your staff may have concerning our response to I.E. Bulletin No. 84-01 to this office.

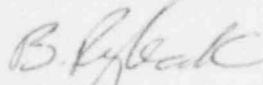
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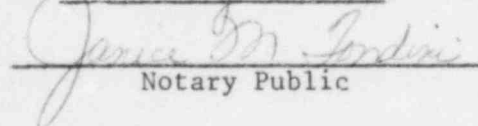
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Attachment

Dresden Unit 3 Inspection
In Response to I.E. Bulletin 84-01

In response to I.E. Bulletin 84-01, an inspection of the Unit 3 Drywell Main Vents and Vent Header was performed on February 4, 1984 at 0900 hours. The inspection was performed by qualified VT-1 visual inspectors following the guidelines for inspection outlined in Visual Examination Procedure VT-1-1. The inspection consisted of a comprehensive internal and external inspection of all Main Vent and Vent Header welds. A complete circumferential external inspection of Vent Header welds visually accessible from the catwalk inside the torus was performed. The area of the Vent Header below the nitrogen inerting inlet was thoroughly inspected by walking on the top portion of the Vent Header approximately half-way around to ensure that any thermal cycling which might have occurred had not effected structural integrity. The internal inspection was conducted by entering a Main Vent via the missile shield in the drywell to walk down and visually inspect the entire Vent Header. No visual indications of weld fatigue were observed as a result of the Unit 3 Main Vent and Vent Header inspection.

The Unit 2 Main Vent and Vent Header assembly is believed to be in good operating condition. Unit 2 drywell to torus differential pressure is readily maintained with no recent history of an abnormal differential pressure trend. Nitrogen make-up to the drywell was also reviewed with no evidence of excessive make-up being required. The pump back air compressors were observed to be cycling in a manner consistent with normal operation. Therefore, a through wall crack on the Main Vent and Vent Header assembly is considered very unlikely.