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SUBJECT: DPR-25, DRESDEN NUCLEAR POWER STATION UNIT 3.

THIS WILL CONFIRM A CONVERSATION WITH PHIL JOHNSON OF YOUR OFFICE AT
1540 HOURS 4 MARCH CONCERNING LOCATION DURING CONTROL ROD DRIVE
EXERCISING OF FAILURE OF 3-2X2 CRD ARRAYS TO MEET THE TECH SPEC
LIMIT FOR FIVE PERCENT SCRAM INSERTION TIME FOR THE THREE FASTEST
CONTROL RODS IN A 2X2 ARRAY. TWO OF THESE THREE, PLUS ONE ADDITIONAL
ARRAY ALSO FAILED TO MEET THE TWENTY PERCENT INSERTION TIME LIMIT.
THESE DRIVES WILL BE SCRAM TESTED AGAIN AND IF FOUND WITHIN LIMITS

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WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORED DURING OPERATION. IT IS SUSPECTED THAT THE
SLOW TIMES ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO BOTH A NORMAL WEAR PROBLEM AND BY A
PREVIOUS TEN DAY OUTAGE DURING WHICH TIME CRUD DEPOSITS MAY HAVE
SETTLED INTO THE DRIVE. FOLLOW UP INFORMATION INCLUDING THE RESULTS
OF SUBSEQUENT SCRAM TESTING WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU IN A TEN DAY
REPORT

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