

February 24, 1997

Mr. D. R. Gipson  
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Nuclear Generation  
The Detroit Edison Company  
6400 North Dixie Highway  
Newport, MI 48166

SUBJECT: NRC SECURITY INSPECTION REPORT 50-341/96015(DRS)

Dear Mr. Gipson:

On February 7, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your Fermi 2 reactor facility. Onsite inspections were conducted during the periods of December 2-6, 1996 and January 13-24, 1997. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with a large number of personnel, and observation of activities in progress. The objective of the inspection effort was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. The summary contained in the report provides an overview of our assessment of your security program performance.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances pertaining to the violation are described in detail in the enclosed report. The violation is of concern because it was identified by the NRC and demonstrated lack of attention to detail by your security staff in complying with a requirement to obtain personal consent prior to initiating background investigation activities. This violation is being cited because it was not identified through self-assessments.

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence is addressed in Section S5 of the Report Details. Therefore, you are not required to respond to the Notice of Violation unless the information in the Notice and Section S5 of the Report Details does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position, or if you choose to provide additional information.

Self-identified issues such as poor security management credibility, high security force turnover rate, continued adverse performance trends, and communication weaknesses were confirmed during our inspection effort and represented a significant challenge to the security force management team.

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Our concerns about these issues relate to their potential to have an adverse impact on adequate performance and regulatory adherence. They may be precursors to further problems. We have reviewed your program to address these issues and plan to monitor completion of certain goals identified in the Security Force Excellence Plan.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Mark A. Ring (for)

Geoffrey E. Grant, Director  
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket No. 50-341  
License No. NPF-43

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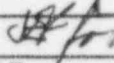
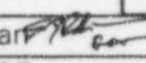
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