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Illinois Pollution Control Board Grants 45-day Provisional Variance to the Exelon Generation Company, L.L.C (Dresden Nuclear Power Station)

Chicago - The Illinois Pollution Control Board granted a 45-day provisional variance from thermal discharge standards to the Exelon Generation Company, L.L.C. The provisional variance is for activities at the Dresden Nuclear Power Station located near Morris, Grundy County, Illinois. It will allow for replacement of fill material necessary to optimize cooling efficiency in the cooling towers.

This action, docketed as PCB 02-17, was taken by the Board upon notification by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency that compliance with the thermal discharge limitations of 259 hours in which the plant's discharges may be in the temperature band between 90 degrees Fahrenheit and 93 degrees Fahrenheit, would impose an arbitrary or unreasonable hardship on the Exelon Generation Company, L.L.C. The Agency agrees with Exelon that the granting of this provisional variance "will cause no adverse environmental impacts."

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