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**From:** Rochelle Becker <beckers@thegrid.net>  
**To:** <cec@nrc.gov>  
**Date:** Wed, Aug 29, 2001 12:11 PM  
**Subject:** Cracking

Where do I find status of nuclear plants that were sent the Bulletin 2000-01? Is Diablo Canyon checking this cracking and if so, what is the status? Will this affect the recent relicensing received by Oconee? Have any other reactors today been discovered to have same cracking? Where do I find this information on the NRC website?

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**From:** C. E. (Gene) Carpenter  
**To:** Rochelle Becker  
**Date:** Thu, Aug 30, 2001 11:40 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Cracking

Ms. Becker,

Regarding your electronic mail (e-mail) dated August 29, 2001:

**Where do I find status of nuclear plants that were sent the Bulletin 2000-01?  
Is Diablo Canyon checking this cracking and if so, what is the status?  
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The staff has not yet received the Diablo Canyon response to NRC Bulletin 2001-01, "Circumferential Cracking of Reactor Pressure Vessel Head Penetration Nozzles," dated August 3, 2001 (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/GENACT/GC/BL/2001/bl2001-001.html>), which gave all PWR licensees 30 days (until September 4, 2001) to provide the requested information about the status of their reactor vessel heads. The "Generic Activities on PWR Alloy-600 Weld Cracking Summary" web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/REACTOR/ALLOY-600/index.html>) contains all publically available information and provides links to other pages on the NRC's web site.

**Will this affect the recent relicensing received by Oconee?**

No, this issue will not affect the relicensing of any plant as this issue will be resolved in the current operating term.

**Have any other reactors today been discovered to have same cracking?**

The information provided in Bulletin 2001-01 provides the extent of the cracking known to date. As further information is made available to the staff, it will be made publically available.

If you have any further questions on this issue, please contact myself or the Lead Project Manager for Bulletin 2001-01, Jacob Zimmerman ([jjiz@nrc.gov](mailto:jjiz@nrc.gov) 301-415-2426).

Gene Carpenter, Materials Engineer

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