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Ack receipt of 780929 NRC ltr. Forwards 781103 Combustion Engr ltr informing that none of their shops have used any suspect weld matl mentioned in IE Bulletin 78-12 in reactor vessel fabrication. Rept will be sent as soon as possible.

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Attention: Mr. R. H. Engelken, Director

Gentlemen:

Subject: IE Bulletin 78-12  
Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362  
San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station  
Units 2 and 3

Your letter of September 29, 1978 transmits IE Bulletin 78-12, "Atypical Weld Material in Reactor Pressure Vessel Welds." Described therein was one instance of use of incorrect weld material on a reactor vessel and several potential instances of misuse. The bulletin further requires a substantial amount of weld records and test documentation be submitted to the Staff for review.

Our NSSS vendor, Combustion Engineering (CE), has informed us that, based on the best information available at this time, it has been determined that none of the CE fabricating shops have used any of the suspect weld wire heat in the fabrication of any reactor vessels. However, due to the large amount of documentation required for every vessel built or presently being fabricated by CE, a substantial amount of time (on the order of 10-12 months) may be required by CE to comply with the bulletin requests. Additionally, CE has directly responded to the NRC (via the attached letter) proposing an alternate methodology to provide assurance that the situation reported in the bulletin has not occurred in CE vessel manufacturing facilities. Therefore, subsequent to resolution with the NRC of the CE recommendation contained in the attached letter and our receipt and review of the appropriate weld material documentation, we will submit a report to you as soon as possible.

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Mr. R. H. Engelken - NRC

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Our response concerning Docket No. 50-206 will be submitted under separate cover. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

*KP Bushni*

Attachment

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