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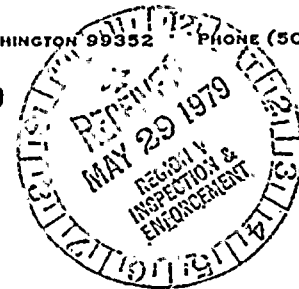
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Mr. R. H. Engelken, Director  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region V  
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Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Subject: WPPSS NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2  
RESPONSE TO IE BULLETIN 78-12, 78-12A AND 78-12B

Dear Mr. Engelken:

The following is submitted in response to the subject IE Bulletins for WNP-2.

In response to the subject Bulletins, our nuclear steam system supplier (General Electric Company) and reactor vessel manufacturer (CBI Nuclear) have met with the NRC to resolve the subject concerns on a generic basis. In accordance with IE Bulletin 78-12B CBIN has provided a generic report to the NRC on May 1, 1979. In preparing the report to the NRC the vessel manufacturer has reviewed the records of low alloy, high tensile weld deposits used on all reactor pressure vessels built in their, or their supplier's facilities, and did not find any "atypical weld material".

Through our nuclear steam system supplier, General Electric Company, we have reviewed the CBIN report and verify that the information provided does cover the WNP-2 reactor vessel, and that there are no apparent discrepancies. With regard to your request for availability of archive material, the only archive weld material we were able to locate is that which is allocated for the reactor vessel material surveillance program. Since this material is required to meet our commitments defined in FSAR Section 5.3.1.6, we are hesitant to use it in a destructive chemical analysis test.

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We believe this satisfies the requirements of the subject IE Bulletins and consider this matter closed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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