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SUBJECT: Requests concurrence w/action to begin repair of remaining identified accessible defects in violation of AWS D.1.1 on sacrificial shield wall. Unconditional release & hardship exemption request will be submitted by 810220.

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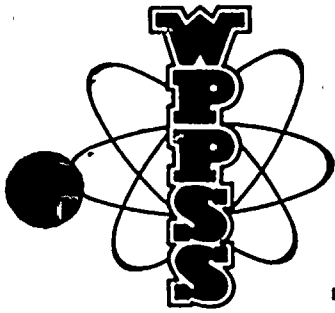
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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Mr. R. L. Tedesco
Assistant Director for Licensing
Division of Licensing

Dear Mr. Tedesco:

Subject: WPPSS NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2
SACRIFICIAL SHIELD WALL REPAIRS

Reference: Letter, RL Tedesco (NRC) to RL Ferguson (WPPSS),
"Staff Evaluation of the Proposed Corrective Weld
at the 541 Foot Construction Joint of the Sacrificial
Shield Wall", dated November 20, 1980

The purpose of this letter is to request NRR concurrence with action by the Supply System to begin repair of the remaining identified accessible defects in violation of AWS D1.1 on the sacrificial shield wall (SSW).

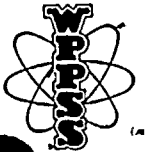
Currently, in accordance with the reference letter, a technical hold under NRR control exists on any work activity associated with the SSW except the girth weld repair. As was understood from the meeting with your staff on January 22nd, the only remaining items of concern with NRR on the SSW are the disposition of the minor defects on the outside surface of the SSW which were identified as being in violation of AWS D1.1. The Supply System requests your concurrence with our action to begin repair of these defects. A subsequent submittal will request hardship exemptions on some select welds and request an unconditional release on work activities associated with the SSW. Your concurrence

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with this action now will minimize schedule hardship, because there is a time window in our schedule starting February 18th that will allow repair of most defects and minimize requests for hardship exemptions based on schedule ramifications.

Immediate release to repair is requested. The letter requesting unconditional release and hardship exemptions on a weld-by-weld basis will be submitted no later than February 20, 1981. However, NRR review and approval of that letter should not be a prerequisite to allow the Supply System to repair identified defects.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'G D Bouchey', is positioned above the typed name.

G. D. Bouchey
Director, Nuclear Safety

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