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Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-315 and 50-316
DPR Nos. 58 and 74

Mr. J. G. Keppler, Regional Director
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
Region III
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Dear Mr. Keppler:

This letter is to clarify our response to IE Bulletin 77-02 transmitted to you as an enclosure to our letter of November 10, 1977.

The second sentence in the third paragraph of the enclosure states "Three relays manufactured in October, 1973 were located in Unit 1 and were replaced". This sentence is incorrect. The referenced relays were, in fact, manufactured in October, 1972 which was prior to the time of concern in IE Bulletin 77-02.

When actions were initiated to replace the above-referenced relays, it was discovered that the individuals making the inspection had misread the manufacture date information on these relays and the relays did not require replacement, and hence were not replaced. A breakdown in internal communications precluded transmittal of this correct information to the proper individuals in AEP. We were notified of the error on April 21, 1978 as a result of the NRC Resident Inspector's activities pertaining to this item.

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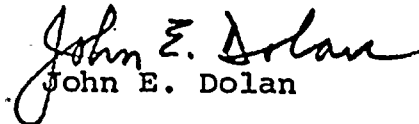
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The enclosure also stated that "RFC 12-2129 was written to initiate an inspection program for all Westinghouse type AR latching relays". Subsequent to our submittal, on December 19, 1977, this RFC was cancelled by the Lead Engineer because neither the inspection called for by IE Bulletin 77-02, nor the replacement in kind of relays are classified as a "Design Change" according to our internal procedures.

In our letter of April 10, 1978 from Mr. John Tillinghast to Mr. Ernst Volgenau of the NRC, we described steps that have been, and are being taken, to strengthen our review of submittals to the NRC so as to eliminate errors such as described above.

Very truly yours,


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