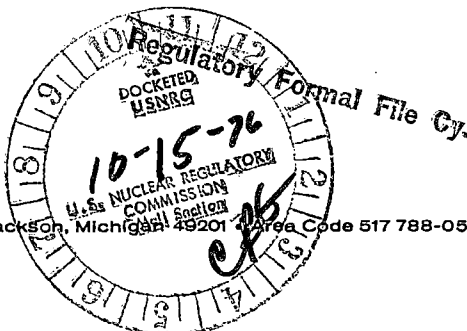




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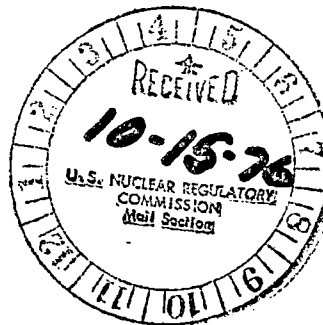
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PALISADES PLANT, IE CIRCULAR 76-02 &
IE BULLETIN 76-05 -
WESTINGHOUSE BFD RELAYS.

This letter is written in response to your letter dated August 17, 1976 enclosing IE Circular 76-02 and to clarify our May 7, 1976 response to IE Bulletin 76-05. Both items relate to Westinghouse BFD relays.

In our May 7, 1976 letter, we indicated that we had not had any operating failures relating to these relays. Review of this response by our Safety and Audit Review Board disclosed that we have had previous problems with this relay (see AO-21-74 transmitted by letter dated October 18, 1974). However, the failure responsible for that event was unrelated to the description of the coil problem presented in IE 76-05.

In addition to the BFD relays previously identified, we have BF type relays in the control system of each of the two diesel generators, the refueling machine, service platform and the new fuel elevator.

A plant procedure is being written which specifies operational tests for each relay. The tests will include measurement of the pickup and dropout times and the verification of change of state for all contacts during a change of state of the corresponding relay coil. This procedure will be performed periodically until the relays are modified or replaced.

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