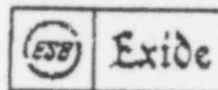


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July 30, 1979

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
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Gentlemen:

Exide Company, a subsidiary of ESB Ray-O-Vac Corporation, advises that there is a potential problem with batteries recently shipped to Southern California Edison for their San Onofre Units 2 and 3, and to Consumers Power for their Midland Units 1 and 2 which may be reportable under 10 CFR-21.

Exide has determined that the battery cells being tested probably will not meet the requirements of IEEE Standards 323-74 and 344-75. There have been instances of low voltage cells developing after partial completion of the accelerated life testing. Exide is now taking steps to implement a design change in the construction of the cells to overcome the problem. Production of redesigned cells is expected to resume in 30 days.

This notification is applicable to Class 1E batteries shipped to the following utilities:

Southern California Edison San Onofre  
Nuclear Generating Station/Bechtel - Los Angeles

Unit 2

28007, 28008,  
28009, 28010

Unit 3

38007, 38008  
38009, 38010

Consumers Power Midland Nuclear Generating Stations/  
Bechtel - Ann Arbor

Unit 1

1 D01  
1 D02

Unit 2

2 D01  
2 D02

We are advising the Engineering firms of the two involved utilities.

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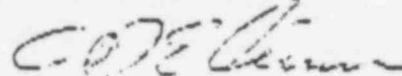
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This potential problem has been realized by Exide as of this date. We are acting promptly to rectify the problem. For any additional information concerning this wire, contact Mr. L. F. Bennett or C. K. McManus, available at 215-674-9500.

Very truly yours,



C. D. Elum  
Vice President of Marketing

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