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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Subject: Byron Station Units 1 and 2  
Braidwood Station Units 1 and 2  
Response to IE Bulletin 79-03  
"Longitudinal Weld Defects in ASME  
SA-312 Type 304 Stainless Steel  
Pipe Spools Manufactured by Youngstown  
Welding and Engineering Company"  
NRC Docket Nos. 50-454, 50-455  
50-456 and 50-457

References (a): March 12, 1979 letter from J. G.  
Keppler to B. Lee, Jr. transmitting  
IE Bulletin No. 79-03

(b): May 8, 1979 letter from C. Reed  
to J. G. Keppler concerning IE  
Bulletin No. 79-03

Dear Mr. Keppler:

Reference (a) transmitted IE Bulletin 79-03 which requested information concerning the use of certain stainless steel pipe spools manufactured by Youngstown Welding and Engineering Company. Reference (b) indicated the possibility that stainless steel piping weld without filler metal from Youngstown Welding and Engineering Company had been supplied to the Byron and Braidwood Stations. Reference (a) also requested additional time for the fabricator to review his records and compile lists of affected piping and for Commonwealth Edison to formulate a program for examination of any affected piping.

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Due to unforeseen delays in initiating the record review and the complexity of the review, the fabricator is just now compiling the affected piping lists. Once complete, Commonwealth Edison will expeditiously review the list and formulate a pipe examination program. Thus, additional time will be required to complete the required action of the Bulletin. However, Commonwealth Edison will submit a status of the findings to date and a revised completion dated by September 7, 1979.

Please address any questions that you may have concerning this matter to this office.

Very truly yours,

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Enforcement - Division of  
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