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Subject: Byron Station Units 1 and 2  
Braidwood Station Units 1 and 2  
Response to I.E. 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  
I.E. Bulletin No. 79-03

(b): August 10, 1979 letter from C. Reed  
to J. G. Keppler concerning I.E.  
Bulletin No. 79-03

Dear Mr. Keppler:

Reference (a) transmitted I.E. Bulletin 79-03 which requested information concerning the use of certain stainless steel pipe spools manufactured by Youngstown Welding and Engineering Company. Per Reference (b) Commonwealth Edison Company indicated that unforeseen delays in initiating the fabricator's record review and the complexity of the review required additional time to complete the action of the Bulletin. In addition, Commonwealth Edison committed to submitting a current status of findings and also a projected completion date by September 7, 1979.

Currently, Commonwealth Edison's fabricator, Southwest Fabricating, has estimated that their record search including a complete list of all spools containing any SA-312 Type 304 Stainless

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Steel pipe manufactured by Youngstown Welding and Engineering will be completed by late September 1979. Upon receipt of the fabricator's completed list, Commonwealth Edison will require additional time to review the list to determine whether all pipe or a representative sample will be volumetrically examined and to prepare a procedure for this examination. Thus, a complete response to this Bulletin is now anticipated for mid to late October 1979.

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

Very truly yours,

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