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Office of Inspection and Enforcement
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Subject: Perry Nuclear Power Plant
IE Bulletin Nos. 78-12,
78-12A, 78-12B

Dear Mr. Keppler:

In accordance with your request, the following information has been prepared as a response to IE Bulletin Nos. 78-12, 78-12A and 78-12B regarding Atypical Weld Material in Reactor Pressure Vessel Welds.

The CBI Nuclear Co., the manufacturer of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant reactor pressure vessels, made their generic response to the above bulletins in a letter from Mr. W. G. Oehlkers to Mr. C. W. Reinmuth dated May 1, 1979. Their report concludes that no atypical weld material was used in the Perry reactor vessel welds. Our NSSS vendor, General Electric Company, reviewed the CBI Nuclear report and concurred with the CBI Nuclear conclusion. General Electric noted that CBI Nuclear does not have archive weld material and recommended that CEI review its inventory for archive material. We conducted this review and have determined that no archive weld material is in our inventory.

In conclusion, CEI is satisfied that the CBI Nuclear generic report adequately verifies that atypical weld material has not been used in the Perry Nuclear Power Plant reactor pressure vessels' welds.

Should you have any questions regarding this response, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

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