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Mr. James G. Keppler, Director  
Directorate of Inspection and  
Enforcement - Region III  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
799 Roosevelt Road  
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Subject: LaSalle County Station Units 1 and 2  
Byron Station Units 1 and 2  
Braidwood Station Units 1 and 2  
Response to IE Bulletin No. 78-12  
NRC Docket Nos. 50-373/374/454/455/456/457

Reference (a): C. Reed letter to J. G. Keppler  
dated March 22, 1979

Dear Mr. Keppler:

As was indicated in Reference (a), Commonwealth Edison's responsibility with respect to IE Bulletin 78-12 through 78-12B was expected to be discharged by submittal by General Electric of the evaluation requested for the LaSalle Units 1 and 2 vessels and by submittal by Westinghouse of the evaluation for the Byron Units 1 and 2 and Braidwood Units 1 and 2 vessels. With one exception, the requested evaluation has been completed and certification both by the vessel manufacturers and vessel suppliers has been submitted to the NRC. The exception is LaSalle County Unit 1, for which completion of the evaluation and formal certification will be completed by August 17, 1979.

A summary of the documentation records for each of the subject vessels is attached for your information. If there are any further questions in this regard, please direct them to this office.

Very truly yours,

*C. Reed*

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Assistant Vice-President

attachments

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ATTACHMENT I

LaSalle County Unit 1 (NRC Docket No. 50-373)

- A. 1.a. Vessel Manufacturer - Combustion Engineering
- B. 1.b, 1.c, 1.d, 2.a, 2.b, 2.c, 3 and 4

The General Electric generic report which will address the LaSalle Unit 1 vessel is expected to be submitted to the NRC by July 8, 1979.

The Commonwealth Edison certification of the adequacy of the generic report and all specific vessel information not covered by the generic report will be submitted by August 17, 1979.

LaSalle County Unit 2 (NRC Docket No. 50-374)

- A. 1.a. Vessel Manufacturer - Chicago Bridge & Iron (CBIN)
- B. 1.b, 1.c, 1.d, 2.a, 2.b, 2.c, and 3
  - (a) CBIN Weld Wire Data Report (Generic Report) transmitted by W. G. Oehlkers letter to NRC (Attn. Mr. G. W. Reinmuth) dated May 1, 1979.
  - (b) CBIN Certification of applicability of generic report to the LaSalle Unit 2 vessel dated April 30, 1979 by Mr. W. G. Oehlkers (CB&I).

On the basis of the above-referenced documents, and with the concurrence of General Electric in the conclusions reached in those documents, Commonwealth Edison is satisfied that the generic report adequately represents the LaSalle County Unit I vessel.

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No archival weld material is available for this vessel in the vessel belt-line region.

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ATTACHMENT II

Byron and Braidwood Units 1 and 2  
(NRC Docket Nos. 50-454/455 and 50-456/457)

- A. 1.a. Vessel Manufacturer - Babcock and Wilcox Co.
- B. 1.b, 1.c, 1.d, 2.a, 2.b, 2.c, 3 and 4
  - (a) B&W responses to IE Bulletin Nos. 78-12 and 78-12A (Generic Report) transmitted by J. H. Taylor letter to NRC (W. G. Reinmuth) dated March 13, 1979.

On the basis of the above-referenced document, and with the concurrence of Westinghouse Electric Co. in the conclusions reached in that document, Commonwealth Edison is satisfied that the generic report adequately represents the vessels to be used at Byron Units 1 and 2 and Braidwood Units 1 and 2.