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Mr. R. H. Engelken, Director
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: WPPSS NUCLEAR PROJECTS NOS. 1 & 4
IE BULLETINS NOS. 78-12, 78-12A AND 78-12B

- References: 1) Letters, R. H. Engelken to N. O. Strand, Same Subject,
September 29, 1978, November 24, 1978 and March 19, 1979.
2) Letter, J. H. Taylor (B&W) to W. G. Reinmuth (NRC),
"Response to IE Bulletins 78-12 and 78-12A", March 13, 1979.

Dear Mr. Engelken:

In response to the subject bulletins transmitted by the Reference 1 letters, WPPSS offers the following.

With Reference 2, the Babcock & Wilcox Company (B&W) submitted to the NRC a report entitled "Records Investigation Report Related of Off-Chemistry Welds in Material Surveillance Specimens and Response to IE Bulletins 78-12 and 78-12A Supplement". It is our understanding that reference to reactor vendor reports is acceptable in fulfilling our obligation as described in IE Bulletin 78-12 and 78-12A Supplement.

WPPSS has reviewed the information included in the report and concludes that there is no reason to suspect that atypical weld wire was used in the fabrication of the WNP-1/4 reactor vessels. B&W has also assured WPPSS that the weld material information provided in the report covers the WNP-1 and WNP-4 reactor vessels.

Should you have any questions with regard to our response, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment

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