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Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director
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Region I
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Grier:

SUBJECT: FORKED RIVER NUCLEAR STATION (FRNS)
LICENSE NUMBER CPPR-96
DOCKET NUMBER 50-363
I&E BULLETIN 79-03

This letter is in response to I&E Bulletin 79-03, concerning weld defects in 304 or 312 stainless steel pipe spools manufactured by Youngstown Welding and Engineering Company.

A review of our records indicate that stainless steel welded pipe spools manufactured by Youngstown Welding and Engineering Company were used for containment penetrations M-43 and M-44. The spools, which were used for the containment sump suction lines, are 24 inch in diameter and 3/8 inch wall thickness, designed for 200 psig/250 F.

Defects were discovered in the subject spools as a result of QA inspections performed before the spools were placed. As a result of the discovery of these defects, the welds were 100% radiographed and all identified defects were removed and repaired by welding.

Seal welded piping is not now planned for future use at FRNS. If, however, seam welded piping is used in the future, the application will be evaluated and appropriate action (including radiographs, if necessary) will be taken.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,


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cc: Director of I&E
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