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Fort St. Vrain
Unit No. 1
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Mr. Karl V. Seyfrit, Director
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
611 Ryan Plaza Drive
Suite 1000
Arlington, Texas 76012

REF: Docket No. 50-267

SUBJECT: Shock Suppressors

Dear Mr. Seyfrit:

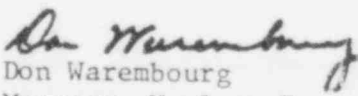
The Fort St. Vrain Technical Specifications require a functional test of a representative sample of hydraulic snubbers once each refueling cycle. This task has been undertaken during the first refueling, which is presently in progress.

The test procedure and the personnel conducting the test have not had the benefit of previous utilization of the snubber test stand. Consequently, a number of snubbers have been identified which appear to have been inoperable.

Since three possibilities for this condition exist, namely, the test procedure, the test stand, or the snubbers were in fact inoperable, we request that we be granted time to ascertain the exact nature of the problem prior to submitting a reportable occurrence report.

If you have any questions, please contact this office, (303) 571-7436.

Very truly yours,


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