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Mr. James G. Keppler, Director
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Subject: Byron Station Units 1 and 2
Braidwood Station Units 1 and 2
Response to I.E. Bulletin No. 79-03,
"Longitudinal Weld Defects in ASME
SA-312 Type 304 Stainless Steel Pipe
Spools Manufactured by Youngstown
Welding and Engineering Company"
NRC Docket Nos. 50-454/455 and 50-456/457

Reference (a): March 12, 1979 letter from J. G. Keppler
to B. Lee, Jr. transmitting I.E. Bulletin
No. 79-03

Dear Mr. Keppler:

Reference (a) transmitted I.E. Bulletin No. 79-03 which requested information concerning the use of certain stainless steel pipe spools manufactured by Youngstown Welding and Engineering Company. In response to this Bulletin, Commonwealth Edison Company's fabricator, Southwest Fabricating and Welding Company, has performed a review of documentation packages of safety related, stainless fabrication that have been shipped to the Byron and Braidwood Stations. This review indicated that no ASME SA-312 welded pipe manufactured by Youngstown Welding and Engineering, or fittings made from ASME SA-312 welded pipe by any manufacturer, have been supplied to date to Byron or Braidwood Stations. In addition, Commonwealth Edison has directed its fabricator not to ship any such materials to its sites and, until this directive is in effect, to continue to review documentation packages of material shipped to the Byron and Braidwood sites for the suspect material. Commonwealth Edison will notify the NRC Region III Staff if this additional review indicates that any of the Bulletin material has been shipped to the Byron and Braidwood sites.

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Please address any questions that you may have concerning this matter to this office.

Very truly yours,

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