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Attention: Mr. B. H. Faulkenberry
Chief, Reactor Construction Projects Branch

Gentlemen:

Subject: PROJECT NOS. 3 AND 5
NRC INSPECTION OF WNP-3 AND WNP-5
DOCKET NUMBERS 50-508 AND 50-509
POTENTIAL 50.55(e) WELD CRACKS IN
EMBED PLATES



Reference: Supply System Record of Telephone Conversation,
J. C. Lockhart to D. Kirsch, dated May 12, 1981.

On May 12, 1981 your office was notified by telephone of a problem considered potentially reportable under the requirement of 10CFR50.55(e). The problem was cracks that were discovered in the welds of the embed plates supplied under Contract 95 by Fought Company of Portland, Oregon, which are to be embedded in the Reactor Auxiliary Building.

Ebasco Engineering is still reviewing the NDE reports of approximately 70 plates that were examined at the WNP-3/5 Site and other plates that are yet to be examined. The evaluation for safety significance is currently projected to be completed by Ebasco on June 19, 1981.

We will provide a final report on June 24, 1981. Should you have any questions or desire further information, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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