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John:

Attached is CEC's (Braidwood) response which should adequately close IE Bulletin 79-03A. If you have any further questions, please call.

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Subject: Response to NRC - IE Bulletin 79-03A  
"Longitudinal Weld Defects in ASME-SA-312  
Type 304, Stainless Steel Pipe"  
NLA Letters Naughton 80-158 and -291  
Byron & Braidwood Stations, Units 1 & 2

References: 1) Letter to J.T. Westermeier from R.P. Bornes (SWF & WCo.),  
dated August 6, 1980; RE: Bulletin 79-03A  
2) Letter to R.B. Johnson (S&L) from R.P. Bornes (SWF &  
Co.), dated September 26, 1980; Re: Bulletin 79-03A  
3) Phone conversation between L.E. Holden and S. Goodwin  
(SWF & WCo.), on September 25, 1980; Re: Bulletin 79-03A.

Mr. W.F. Naughton:

As indicated in our supplemental responses, Sargent & Lundy determined that the only piping of concern was that fabricated under design tables 941BB, 1540BB and 1542BB. Southwest Fabricating and Welding Co. (SWF & WCo.), the piping fabricator for Byron and Braidwood, has confirmed (reference 1) that they have not furnished any pipe or fittings under table 941BB. SWF & WCo has recently confirmed (reference 2) that they have not furnished any SA-312 welded pipe or fittings under tables 1540BB or 1542BB. Therefore, there is presently no SA-312 seam welded stainless steel material at either site or at SWF & WCo. consigned to the sites, that will be subjected to design stresses greater than 85 percent of code allowable.

The pipe and spool pieces of concern for Braidwood Unit 2 have not yet been released to SWF & WCo's shop for fabrication (reference 3) and therefore, the material to be used in fabrication has not been specified. It is our understanding that the bulletin addresses identification and etching of pipe to determine the severity of the code deficiency, therefore it is our understanding that no further action is required.

This completes our response to Bulletin 79-03A. If you have any questions, please call Leslie Holden.

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