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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

YELLOW CREEK NUCLEAR PLANT UNIT 1 - DEFICIENT WELDS ON GAS STRIPPER MODULE
- NCR YC-100 - REVISED FINAL REPORT

The subject deficiency was initially reported to NRC-OIE Inspector M. Thomas on October 8, 1980, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(e). This was followed by our interim reports dated November 6, 1980, and February 5, 1981. Enclosed is a revision to our March 31, 1981, final report as discussed with B. R. Crowley on April 15, 1981. We consider 10 CFR 21 applicable to this deficiency.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please get in touch with D. L. Lambert at FTS 857-2581.

Very truly yours,

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Description of Deficiency

During installation of the gas stripper pump module (GSPM) at Yellow Creek Nuclear Plant, a TVA welding inspector noticed several weld deficiencies. For example, fillet welds were found to be undersized with some visible porosity. There also appeared to be a lack of penetration on butt welds. Arc strikes were visible. The GSPM is manufactured by Norwalk Fabricators. It was purchased by TVA from Combustion Engineering.

Safety Implications

The failure of the gas stripper pump module could result in release of radioactive gaseous fission products (most notably the noble gases) through the ventilation system. This condition could adversely affect the safety of plant operations.

Corrective Action

On March 17, 1981, representatives of Norwalk Fabricators, Combustion Engineering, and TVA met in Windsor, Connecticut, to finalize an approach to making repairs. It was decided that Norwalk Fabricators would supervise the removal of all piping that was joined together by welds which did not meet the requirements of the applicable ASME Code. All of the removed piping is to be returned to Norwalk for repairs. This work will be completed by July 31, 1981.

Corrective action to prevent recurrence will be addressed in final resolution to NCR YCN QAB 8101.