

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II

Attn: Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

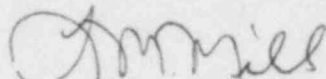
BELLEFONTE NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2 - DEFECTS IN RPS AND ESFAS MODULES
SUPPLIED BY BAILEY METER COMPANY - BLRD-50-438/82-30, BLRD-50-439/82-27
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The subject deficiency was initially reported to NRC-OIE Inspector J. Bryant on April 14, 1982 in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(e) as NCR 1795. This was followed by our first interim report dated May 11, 1982. Related NCR 1860 was also determined to be reportable in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55(e). This was followed by our second interim report dated August 10, 1982. Enclosed is our third interim report. We expect to submit our next report by January 5, 1983. We consider 10 CFR Part 21 applicable to this deficiency.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please get in touch with R. J. Shell at FTS 858-2688.

Very truly yours,

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ENCLOSURE
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NCR'S 1795 AND 1860
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Description of Deficiency

Nonconformance report (NCR) 1795 deals with connector and support brackets for the printed subcircuit boards in the plug-in modules of the Reactor Protection System (RPS) and the Engineered Safety Features Actuation System (ESFAS). These brackets have stress fractures and show evidence of having been glued. This deficiency was discovered during routine surveillance inspection of the modules. Approximately 500 connector and support bracket assemblies are involved. The same problem has also been found in the non-Class IE Protection System Auxiliary Cabinets.

Subsequent inspection has identified additional problems (NCR 1860) with approximately 150 modules in the RPS and ESFAS that have built-in indicators, both flow and temperature type. In these type modules, there is a general distribution of built-in indicators which have cracked housings, loose terminals, damaged terminal studs, improper size terminals used on 24AW6 wire, and generally poor quality crimps.

The apparent cause of the deficiencies detailed in both NCRs is poor assembly by the module manufacturer, Bailey Meter Company of Kendrick, Ohio, a subcontractor of Babcock and Wilcox.

Interim Progress

TVA is still in the process of evaluating the subject deficiency. The recommended disposition being provided by Babcock and Wilcox has not been received yet. TVA will determine what corrective actions are necessary after receipt of Babcock and Wilcox's recommendations.