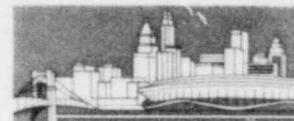


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Attention: Mr. J. G. Keppler
Regional Administrator

RE: WM. H. ZIMMER NUCLEAR POWER STATION - UNIT I
10CFR50.55(e) - ITEM M-34 - ASME STRUCTURAL
ER:F & WELDER QUALIFICATION - DOCKET NO.
50-358, CONSTRUCTION PERMIT NO. CPPR-88, W.O.
#57300 JOB E-5590 FILE NO. NRC-8, M-34

Gentlemen:

This letter constitutes an interim report to the subject condition initially reported as a potentially reportable deficiency under 10CFR50.55(e).

Our previous report, QA-1699, dated April 14, 1982, stated that welders were qualified to the test requirements of H. J. Kaiser Co., procedure SPPM 3.1.51. Contrary to the requirements of the ASME Section IX, 1971 thru 1973 Winter Addenda, welders were qualified only in two positions, vertical (3G) and overhead (4G). The Code states that qualification in the horizontal (2G), vertical, or overhead position shall qualify also for the flat position. Qualification in the horizontal fixed position (5G) shall qualify for the flat, vertical and overhead positions. Qualification in the horizontal, vertical and overhead positions shall qualify for all positions. Qualification in the inclined fixed position (6G) shall qualify for all positions. Thus, several welders were not qualified to weld in the positions required to make several welds on the sacrificial shield.

In our last report we identified an ongoing investigation that was underway to resolve the deficiency and determine a resolution. The intent of the investigation was to determine if the welders could be qualified on production welds. As a result, another potentially reportable Item, M-49, was discovered and identified that a random review of radiographs, in the area where these welders performed, had identified discrepancies in the interpretation and records

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the radiographs. Evaluation of this potential deficiency in radiography
delay resolution of the welder qualification issue. The investigation
into this deficiency is continuing and a final report shall be submitted by
July 31, 1982.

We trust that the above will be found acceptable as an interim report
under the requirements of 10CFR50.55(e).

Very truly yours,

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