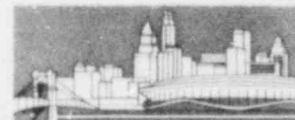


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Attention: Mr. J. G. Keppler
Regional Administrator

RE: WM. H. ZIMMER NUCLEAR POWER STATION - UNIT 1
10CFR50.55(e) - ITEM M-34 - ASME STRUCTURAL
WELD & 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).

On March 2, 1982, interim report QA-1649 was submitted which indicated welders had been qualified per the test requirements of H. J. Kaiser procedure SPPM 3.1.51. Contrary to the requirements of 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.

The last report stated that an investigation was underway to determine the safety related significance of this condition. It was also stated that a review of inspection results of a sample of these welds was underway to resolve the deficiency and determine a resolution. At this time the investigation is still ongoing and is expected to be completed by May 29, 1982, at which time a formal report will be submitted.

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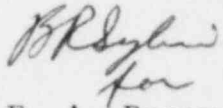
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We trust that the above will be found acceptable as an interim report under the requirements of 10CFR50.55(e).

Very truly yours,

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