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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II, Suite 3100
101 Marietta Street, N. W.
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Subject: Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station
Docket No. 50/395/C
Potential Substantial Safety Hazard -
Snubbers Designed In Bottomed Out
Position
NE File 3.1051

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

On February 16, 1982, Mr. Virgil Brownlee of NRC Region II was notified of a potential substantial safety hazard concerning the design of supports utilizing snubbers. This item is being reported as a potential substantial safety hazard under the provisions of 10CFR21. This letter constitutes an interim report on this matter.

Four supports were discovered during snubber surveillance in which mechanical snubbers were designed in a bottomed out condition. At the time these snubbers were identified, approximately half of the total snubbers in the plant had been checked.

The snubber surveillance procedure is in progress and is expected to be completed by March 30, 1982. A final report on these four and any additional supports found deficient during completion of the procedure, will be made at that time.

If you require further information, please advise us.

Very truly yours,

T. C. Nichols, Jr.

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